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1	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
2	x UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
3	v. 17 CR 684 (ER)
4	CHRISTIAN DAWKINS AND MERL
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6	Trial Defendants.
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8	New York, N.Y. May 2, 2019 9:00 a.m.
9	Before:
10	HON. EDGARDO RAMOS
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12	District Judge
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(Trial resumed; jury not present)

THE COURT: Okay. Good morning, everyone.

MR. MOORE: Good morning, your Honor.

MR. HANEY: Good morning, your Honor.

THE COURT: I distributed a version of the jury instructions yesterday evening. I received Mr. Chaney's email. And I don't have it for you, but I have added the two instructions that I provided to the jury during the course of the trial. They have been included.

And with respect to the multiple conspiracy charge, Mr. Mark, does the government have a view?

MR. MARK: Your Honor, we don't think there was any evidence of multiple conspiracies. It's really just whether Merl Code enters that conspiracy, so we don't think there's a basis for a multiple conspiracy charge here.

THE COURT: Mr. Chaney.

MR. CHANEY: And, your Honor, the facts have come in that cover a huge period of time, and there's a number of different actors, all of whom seem to have separate agreements about what's going to happen. We have stuff of Lamont Evans that goes way back in time before Mr. Code was involved. We have Mr. Dawkins and Mr. Sood, some evidence has come up with handing off Mr. Evans in payment of that. That doesn't involve Mr. Code.

There's conversations between Mr. Sood and Mr. Dawkins, Mr. Sood and Mr. Code, Mr. Code and Mr. Dawkins, all of which seem to demonstrate different agreements with different sort of goals of working together. And so, to the degree that the jury needs to be instructed that it's only in agreement to commit the crimes as set forth in the indictment to form the basis of the conspiracy charge, I think it's warranted here.

MR. MARK: I mean, I don't get too much into the facts. I mean, obviously the Court saw the emails that showed that Merl Code was involved with Christian Dawkins, upon evidence dating back to 2015. But I think the main point that Mr. Chaney was arguing is that they need to be instructed as to what an agreement is, is already in the instruction on what is a conspiracy. So, I don't think that — the confusion about what is a conspiracy, or multiple conspiracy charge, it just necessitates the conspiracy instruction your Honor already has in the proposed jury charge.

MR. CHANEY: And it's not just — the law is not just that they need to understand what an agreement is, it's also that they need to understand that the government must prove the precise agreement that's set forth in their indictment. And there has been, in fact, evidence concerning a number of different agreements between the multiple different actors in this case. So, once again, we think that the facts warrant the

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THE COURT: I disagree.

I don't think that the facts, as I understand them, warrant the multiple conspiracy instruction. Certainly there are conversations between various coconspirators, discussing whether it would be smart to pursue certain goals and how to pursue those goals. But, generally speaking, the conspiracy that's alleged in the indictment is what has come out here. And again, whether or not Mr. Code joined the conspiracy is a different issue but not one that matters the most. So that charge will not be included.

Is there anything else that we need to discuss this morning before we get bring out the jury?

MR. MARK: Not from the government, your Honor.

MR. HANEY: Not for Mr. Dawkins, your Honor.

MR. MOORE: Not for Mr. Code, your Honor.

THE COURT: For Mr. Moore's and Mr. Haney's benefit, we had a discussion yesterday concerning timing. First of all, I have determined that I will be giving the charge before summations.

Then the question became whether we could get that charge in this afternoon. I doubt it. But as I said, I mean, if it looks like we're going to have — because it's going to take probably two hours to read this thing, because it's 60-something pages and plus the indictment that has to be read.

And the defense has the government's proposed verdict

THE COURT: Okay. Anything else?

Okay. We'll await the jury.

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And so, you were talking to Mr. Code to prepare him for

- 1 | that meeting, correct?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 | Q. Okay. And when Mr. Code mentioned the name, Zion Williams,
- 4 | and you said: "Yeah, exactly," and you told Mr. Code, "I just
- 5 want to get some money in your pocket so we can continue to
- 6 move forward, by that, you are meaning you were just trying to
- 7 | help your friend get paid and trying to perhaps demonstrate to
- 8 | the folks on the other end of the transaction that he had value
- 9 | to them as a consultant, correct?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 | Q. All right. And in the middle of page two of the transcript
- 12 | there --
- 13 MR. MOORE: And I'll ask if Ms. Bustillo will bring it
- 14 || up --
- 15 | Q. You said, "You bring around some players and shit like
- 16 | that, oh my God." Okay?
- And so during that portion of the call, you're asking
- 18 Mr. Code to make an impression on your investors to keep them
- 19 | happy; is that correct?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 | Q. And you also talk about the fact -- in that call and in
- 22 other calls about Mr. Code's knowledge of NBA players, correct?
- 23 | A. Correct.
- 24 | Q. And there's a call where you're discussing the fact that if
- 25 | you took Mr. D'Angelo to a Knicks game and introduced him to

- 1 | some Knicks players, that would make a huge impression on him;
- 2 | isn't that right?
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 | Q. And one of the reasons that you had these discussions with
- 5 Mr. Code and you've had these discussions with Mr. D'Angelo, is
- 6 | because you believe that Mr. Code did have value in his
- 7 | relationships with NBA players, correct?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. And as an agent, you were trying to sign NBA players,
- 10 correct.
- 11 | A. Yes.
- 12 | Q. And you were pushing -- and I understand you didn't have an
- 13 | agent's license. But you were hoping to partner with somebody
- 14 | who did, correct?
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 | Q. Okay. And you were hoping that Munish Sood would manage
- 17 | the financial affairs of those NBA players, correct?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 | Q. High net worth individuals who could make money for your
- 20 company, correct?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 | Q. And that's why you were pushing Mr. Code's value here,
- 23 | correct?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 | Q. You were not pushing Mr. Code as someone who could help pay

BY MR. MOORE:

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MR. MOORE: Please continue, Ms. Bustillo. Thank you.

And he was comparing the directness of one with the

indirectness of another, right?

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So, the players are at Adidas Nation. The parents are at Adidas Nation. I'm trying to get access to them because those are the people who were going to be potential clients.

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So, Merl running Adidas Nation, in my mind, if he can

- Q. So, here, the undercover, Mr. D'Angelo, is telling you that he did not believe they ever really came to a good agreement at the meeting on June 20th, correct?
 - MR. BOONE: Objection.
- THE COURT: Sustained.
- 6 BY MR. MOORE:

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- Q. Mr. Dawkins, what did you understand Mr. D'Angelo to mean when he said, "We kind of talked about it but we never really came to a good agreement"?
 - A. From my interpretation, this was D'Angelo explaining to me that he had a meeting, they reimbursed for the travel expenses incurred. But there was no agreement reached. And at this point obviously I'm trying to talk him into paying Merl. So it could have been an agreement that has been reached. And he, at this point, still wants Merl to try to facilitate coaches, so
 - Q. And you were trying to tell him to pay Merl because you believe Merl has value in helping you with NBA players and with kids before they come to college, correct?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 MR. MOORE: Please continue, Ms. Bustillo.

there was no agreement at this point either.

- 22 (Audio played)
- Q. Now, Mr. Dawkins, I want to ask you a couple more questions about Mr. Code's value to you before we move on to the next call.

- 1 You wanted Mr. Code around as a consultant because you
- 2 | believed he added value to you, correct?
- 3 | A. Yes.
- 4 | Q. Okay. And he had contacts in the NBA front offices,
- 5 | correct?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 | Q. He had contacts who were NBA players, correct.
- 8 | A. Yes.
- 9 Q. He managed Adidas Nation and had contacts at the AAU level,
- 10 | the amateur basketball level, correct?
- 11 | A. Yes.
- 12 | Q. Okay. And you mentioned on your direct that part of
- 13 | managing basketball players is getting them ready for the
- 14 | draft?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 | Q. That's a hectic time, correct?
- 17 | A. Very.
- 18 | Q. Working out for teams, correct?
- 19 A. Correct.
- 20 | Q. Trying to manage expectations, correct?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 | Q. It's difficult to figure out where someone is going to be
- 23 | drafted and, in fact, if they're going to be drafted; isn't
- 24 | that right, Mr. Dawkins?
- 25 | A. Very true.

- 1 | Q. And so in that process, having someone with contacts in the
- 2 | NBA front offices is extremely valuable to the benefits that
- 3 | you were trying to set up, correct?
- 4 A. Very true.
- 5 | Q. Okay. And you would agree with me that not many people are
- 6 more connected than Merl Code, or at least were before
- 7 | Mr. Blazer and Mr. D'Angelo's little undercover operation?
- 8 MR. BOONE: Objection.
- 9 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 10 | Q. So, if you're trying to get a guy through the draft
- 11 process, Mr. Code is your guy, isn't he?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 | Q. And Mr. Code could help you sign NBA players who might be
- 14 | looking to go to other agents, correct?
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 Q. As could Book Richardson, correct?
- 17 | A. Correct.
- 18 | Q. Because Book Richardson also knew NBA players; isn't that
- 19 | correct?
- 20 | A. That's true.
- 21 | Q. And I believe you referred to that in a call, which I'm
- 22 going to get to in a minute. Correct?
- 23 | A. Correct.
- 24 \parallel Q. Now, with respect to DX 5, which is a call on 6/28/17
- 25 | between you and Mr. D'Angelo -- and I'm not going to put it up

falling on deaf ears, basically. I believe, as you can kind of

see, he kind of perked up on the calls -- I believe his idea of

was kind of like he had -- everything we were saying was

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- 1 | Merl was to use Merl's relationships with Adidas to bribe those
- 2 coaches. That's what I think his endgame -- what he was trying
- 3 | for his endgame to be.
- 4 | Q. That didn't happen, did it, Mr. Dawkins?
- 5 | A. No.
- 6 Q. And you told Mr. D'Angelo during that call that any coach
- 7 | that Merl could introduce you to, you could introduce him to,
- 8 correct?
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 | Q. Because you told him Merl had a different value, correct?
- 11 | A. Yes.
- 12 | Q. Not something he wanted to hear, was it?
- 13 | A. No.
- 14 | Q. And you told Mr. D'Angelo that paying Merl to introduce him
- 15 | to coaches wasn't a smart investment, right?
- 16 A. No, I didn't think it was. I didn't think paying anybody
- 17 | to be a coach was smart --
- 18 MR. BOONE: Objection, your Honor. He's not answering
- 19 | the question.
- 20 | THE COURT: Overruled.
- 21 THE WITNESS: I didn't think paying anybody to
- 22 | introduce coaches to Jeff was a smart investment, not even me.
- 23 | It was just a waste of money. It was stupid.
- 24 | Q. Okay. And you pushed back on that several times during
- 25 \parallel this call and got nowhere with Mr. D'Angelo; isn't that

- 1 | correct?
- 2 A. Yes, I did.
- 3 | Q. Okay. All right. Now, Mr. D'Angelo went on to tell you
- 4 | during that call that: "And for Merl, again, he's doing this
- 5 | thing, he's helping you, but that's what I'm looking for him to
- 6 do for me. So that's the type of money that there is for
- 7 | just -- just for a coach that's going to come on board."
- 8 So, I want to just talk with you about your
- 9 understanding. You already described what you want Merl to do
- 10 and what Jeff pushes back on, correct?
- 11 | A. Correct.
- 12 | Q. Okay. And you and Merl have already worked out that he's
- 13 going to try to help get you access to players and NBA players,
- 14 | correct?
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 | Q. And Jeff's trying to get you to get him to get you access
- 17 | to coaches, correct?
- 18 A. Absolutely.
- 19 | Q. And that's help that Merl never offered to give you; isn't
- 20 | that correct?
- 21 A. Never.
- 22 | Q. Okay. And help that he never gave you, correct?
- 23 A. No.
- 24 | Q. He ultimately had some folks show up in Las Vegas after it
- 25 | was clear to you that Mr. D'Angelo wouldn't listen to you, but

- 1 | could put up DX No. 7. And if we could go to the first page.
- 2 Do you have the actual defense transcript,
- 3 Ms. Bustillo? Well, I'll do this without a transcript. I can
- 4 do it without a transcript.
- 5 | BY MR. MOORE:
- 6 | Q. So you recall a discussion during that call about, Jeff
- 7 | feels good right now; and Mr. Sood says, Jeff is F-ing high,
- 8 | correct?
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 | Q. Okay. And then you say, Yeah, yeah, I figured that, and
- 11 | Mr. Sood says, I mean, you made his -- that whole day, he is so
- 12 happy.
- Do you recall that?
- 14 | A. Yes, I do.
- 15 | Q. The "he" that you and Mr. Sood are referring to is Jeff
- 16 | D'Angelo, not Book Richardson, correct, Mr. Dawkins?
- 17 A. Yes. This call is about Jeff D'Angelo.
- 18 | Q. All right. And this is the same call where you say:
- 19 "Like, guys like Book is going to send me kids anyway. Does he
- 20 | understand that?"
- 21 You're talking to Mr. Sood about whether Mr. D'Angelo
- 22 | understands that you're going to get references from Book
- 23 | whether you pay him or not, correct, Mr. Dawkins?
- 24 | A. Correct.
- 25 \parallel Q. Now, on the next page of this transcript, Mr. Sood says:

"Like I told Book, I told him, Book, you know all of these veterans, send me a couple of veterans, that's what I'm going to use it for."

So, Mr. Sood -- was it your understanding that
Mr. Sood is saying that Book's value is for veterans, veteran
NBA players?

A. Yes.

Q. Okay. And in your mind, was that what you were paying Mr. Richardson for -- or let me rephrase.

In your mind, was that Mr. Richardson's value, if any?

A. So, Book was two-fold. One was to -- like we discussed yesterday, I had to do something to placate Jeff. I had to put a coach in front of him at the end of the day. So that was the first value that Book had, was just to get Jeff off our backs, basically. I didn't care -- like we discussed in the call yesterday, I didn't care what Book did; it was irrelevant to me.

Secondly, Book did have relationships with players that were in the NBA because they had been players that's come through Arizona who didn't make it to the NBA.

So, yes, secondly, that was another -- that was part of our relationship that was a value that Book could have.

- Q. And you didn't need Book to help you win players at Arizona, did you, Mr. Dawkins?
- 25 A. No. It was twofold reasons. One, I --

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- 20 MR. BOONE: Objection.
- 21 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 22 Yes, I know now. I didn't then, but I do know now.
- 23 And we've not heard anything about any post-meeting
- 24 surveillance, have we --
- 25 MR. BOONE: Objection.

1 (At sidebar)

MR. MOORE: I believe it's relevant that this witness knows that there are video cameras on ATMs. I know it.

Everybody else in the world knows, I think. I think most people know it. And the government didn't bother to go subpoena any video information.

MR. BOONE: Your Honor, Mr. Dawkins is not a law enforcement witness. He does not have personal knowledge of all the various law enforcement techniques that are used.

Also, as we've said repeatedly, it's not relevant what the government did or didn't do. The investigation's not on trial, and it's certainly not on trial through Mr. Dawkins who knows nothing about law enforcement.

MR. MOORE: It is relevant what the government did not do because what they do not bring to this jury is something that is relevant, and it's certainly the subject of something that can be argued in a closing argument. The investigation may not be on trial, but the jury is entitled to consider what they heard and also what they did not hear, and I'm simply trying to lay a foundation for the argument. I'm almost done, but I do believe that that last question -- I don't know what the basis of the objection was. I don't know if it was relevance, but I was --

MR. BOONE: It was relevance.

MR. MOORE: I would respectfully request that your

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1	Honor revisit that ruling.
2	MR. MARK: Your Honor, I also think it would be 403.
3	To the extent he's making common sense points, it's a waste of
4	time for the jury.
5	MR. MOORE: It's not a waste of time for the jury.
6	THE COURT: I think you have what you need. You asked
7	him about surveillance at banks. He said, yes, I understand
8	there's surveillance at banks. And there's no evidence of that
9	surveillance here.
10	MR. HANEY: May I add one thing? There is evidence he
11	did go to a bank and make a deposit into an ATM machine.
12	MR. MARK: There's no evidence of who made the
13	deposit.
14	MR. HANEY: There is. He testified that he did.
15	MR. MARK: He testified.
16	MR. HANEY: Exactly. That's evidence.
17	MR. MOORE: So I don't run afoul, because my next
18	question was going to be: And you're aware that there was a
19	Los Angeles Times article about the fact that there was a video
20	from
21	MR. MARK: No way.
22	MR. MOORE: That's why I'm asking before I go there.
23	I know I haven't always done that, and I've tried your
24	patience. But I felt like I was going I was going to raise
25	that at sidebar before I did it anyway.

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- Q. Now, you didn't spot any surveillance teams when you were in New York, did you, Mr. Dawkins?
- 5 MR. BOONE: Objection.
- 6 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 7 Q. Let me ask this question: Did you travel to New York,
- 8 Mr. Dawkins, and did the ladies and gentlemen of the jury hear
- 9 | evidence of undercover meetings you had in New York?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 | Q. By means you didn't know were taped, correct?
- 12 A. No, I didn't know they were taped.
- 13 | Q. You went to Las Vegas, correct?
- 14 | A. Yes.
- 15 | Q. And you had meetings with Mr. D'Angelo and his friend
- 16 Mr. Blazer there, correct?
- 17 | A. Yes.
- 18 | Q. Then you went to Arizona, correct?
- 19 | A. Yes.
- 20 | Q. And you went to Los Angeles, correct?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 | Q. But when you went to Arizona and Los Angeles, Mr. D'Angelo
- 23 was no longer in the picture, and you were with a lady named
- 24 | Jill Bailey, is that correct?
- 25 A. Yes.

- Q. Now, I believe we heard some evidence from Mr. Blazer about you sending some shoes to someone, is that right?
- 3 | A. Yes.
- 4 | Q. Did you send those shoes to someone?
- 5 A. Yeah. It wasn't the guy he said I sent them to, but yes.
- Q. Who did you send shoes to and who else was involved in the sending of those shoes?
- 8 | A. Well, at that point I just realized that they was just --
- 9 | it was like a free flow of money. So I was going to Louisville
- 10 | from Vegas. I sent the money to a player we talked about
- 11 | yesterday, to Brian Bowen, and when I got to Louisville, I just
- 12 picked up the rest of the money.
- 13 | Q. Now, was Jeff D'Angelo involved in sending those shoes.
- 14 A. He did buy the shoes in the store. He gave me the shoes
- 15 | and gave me the money, but I'm the one who actually, like,
- 16 | programmed the address and stuff into FedEx and sent them off.
- 17 | Q. Now, did you have any discussions with Mr. D'Angelo during
- 18 | that sending of the shoes about your plans to go clubbing that
- 19 | evening?
- 20 MR. BOONE: Objection. Hearsay.
- 21 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 22 | Q. I believe you told the ladies and gentlemen of the jury on
- 23 | direct that you actually did go clubbing, is that right, with
- 24 | Mr. Bland?
- 25 A. Correct.

- 1 | Q. And you gave him some money to go club for what reason?
- 2 A. That was in evidence. His friend had a wedding the next
- 3 day, so it was a bachelor's party that night that we had the
- 4 | meeting.
- 5 Q. Was that the only money that you participated in giving
- 6 | Tony Bland, Mr. Dawkins?
- 7 A. Correct, yes, and the money was basically both of us --
- 8 MR. BOONE: Objection.
- 9 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 10 \parallel Q. Mr. Dawkins, was it less than 2,500?
- 11 A. Absolutely.
- 12 | Q. What did you do with the rest of it?
- 13 | A. I put it in the bank account, and I -- some of it I spent
- 14 on, like, dinner and stuff.
- 15 Q. Las Vegas is expensive, right?
- 16 A. Pretty -- well, depends on where you go, but it can be
- 17 | expensive, yes.
- 18 | Q. It can be expensive, right?
- 19 | A. Yes, it can.
- 20 | Q. People go gambling; they go to restaurants; they do lots of
- 21 | things in Las Vegas?
- 22 MR. BOONE: Objection.
- 23 | THE COURT: Sustained.
- 24 | Q. Mr. Dawkins, you've heard the phrase "what happens in Vegas
- 25 | stays in Vegas," right?

- $1 \parallel A$. I have.
- 2 MR. BOONE: Objection.
- THE COURT: Sustained.
- 4 | Q. Did you ever actually see Mr. D'Angelo after those meetings
- 5 | in Las Vegas again?
- 6 A. When we were going out, they were walking into the Cosmo.
- 7 | When I say "they," I'm referring to Jeff D'Angelo and Marty
- 8 | Blazer. Either they were walking in or we were walking out of
- 9 | the Cosmo, but we passed each other during that point.
- 10 | Q. After you left Las Vegas, you didn't see him again,
- 11 | correct?
- 12 A. Never seen Jeff D'Angelo. I don't think I ever talked to
- 13 | him again.
- MR. MOORE: Beg a moment, your Honor.
- 15 (Counsel confer)
- 16 | Q. Now, Mr. Dawkins, you testified about meetings with Preston
- 17 | Murphy, Corey Barker, and Tony Bland?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 | Q. And you arranged those meetings, not Mr. Code, correct?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 | Q. And you arranged those meetings as part of your ruse with
- 22 | Mr. D'Angelo, correct?
- 23 | A. Yes.
- 24 | Q. Because the money went back to you, not kept by them,
- 25 || correct?

- 1 | A. Yes.
- 2 | Q. These coaches were your friends, correct?
- 3 A. Close friends, yes.
- 4 | Q. Code didn't arrange for them to come or travel, did he?
- 5 | A. No.
- 6 Q. Mr. Code wasn't there, correct?
- 7 | A. No.
- 8 | Q. Because Mr. Code was in Florida with his family, correct?
- 9 A. I believe so, yes.
- 10 | Q. And you know Mr. Code, correct?
- 11 | A. Yes.
- 12 | Q. You've known him for a long time, correct?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 | Q. You know his wife, Candace?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 | Q. You know his infant son?
- 17 | A. Yes.
- 18 | Q. Mr. Code never agreed to participate in any scheme to bribe
- 19 | college coaches, did he?
- 20 MR. BOONE: Objection.
- 21 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 22 | Q. Did you ever agree to bribe college coaches?
- MR. BOONE: Objection.
- 24 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 25 A. No.

MR. MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Dawkins.

THE COURT: Cross-examination.

17 | CROSS-EXAMINATION

18 BY MR. BOONE:

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- 19 Q. Good morning, Mr. Dawkins.
- 20 A. Good morning.
- 21 | Q. Now, you testified on direct that you have previously been
- 22 | convicted of some crimes, correct?
- 23 A. I have, unfortunately.
- 24 \parallel Q. And you testified that you also were convicted as a result
- 25 | of a trial, correct?

- 1 | A. Yes.
- 2 | Q. And that trial happened in this courtroom, or in this
- 3 | building, correct?
- 4 MR. HANEY: Objection as to relevance, your Honor --
- 5 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 6 MR. HANEY: -- where it happened.
- 7 A. I don't know if it was this courtroom, but it was this
- 8 building.
- 9 | Q. It was in the Southern District, correct?
- 10 | A. Yes.
- 11 | Q. And you were convicted around October 2018, correct?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 | Q. Now, in that trial, in that case, you were accused of
- 14 | committing multiple crimes, right?
- 15 A. I don't know about multiple. I was convicted of wire
- 16 | fraud.
- 17 | Q. You were accused of committing wire fraud, right?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 | Q. And you were accused of committing conspiracy to commit
- 20 | wire fraud, correct?
- 21 | A. Yes, yes.
- 22 | Q. That means committing wire fraud with other people, right?
- 23 A. I don't know what it means. I was convicted of wire fraud.
- 24 | Q. Do you know what conspiracy means?
- 25 | A. Yes.

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1 (At sidebar)

MR. MOORE: He was convicted of conspiracy with my client and Jim Gatto. I'm assuming that Mr. Boone understands that it would be highly improper for him to ask him if he was convicted with Mr. Code, correct?

MR. BOONE: So I'm not going to ask him if he was convicted with Mr. Code. I will ask him about Mr. Code and their dealings regarding Brian Bowen, which is obviously the subject of that conviction, but I'm not going to say he was convicted with Merl Code in anything.

MR. HANEY: Your Honor, this is my concern about the prejudicial effect and what I believe Mr. Boone's going to do, which is spend a lot of time rehashing what occurred in October which we're appealing and we have feel we have good grounds for a appeal. They have very narrow issues that have nothing to do with this case, your Honor.

THE COURT: I'm not going to allow him to spend a lot of time rehashing that trial.

MR. HANEY: Thank you, your Honor.

MR. BOONE: I don't intend to spend a lot of time rehashing that trial. Obviously, there have been rulings that make it permissible for us to ask about it, and you certainly opened the door on it in your direct. Spent a lot of time on that trial.

MR. HANEY: We had to get ahead of it. They know the

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- 12 There is lying involved in a fraud, right?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And so you were convicted of a crime that involves you
- 15 being dishonest, correct?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. I'm not saying -- I know you disagree with that. I'm just
- 18 saying you were convicted --
- 19 Yes. Α.
- 20 Q. -- of that crime that involved you being dishonest, right?
- 21 That means you were convicted of a crime that involved lying?
- 22 A. Correct.
- 23 Q. Now, obviously, like this jury, there are 12 people in the
- 24 juries, right?
- 25 Α. Yes.

- 1 Q. So there were 12 people who found you to be lying, right?
- 2 MR. MOORE: Objection, your Honor.
- 3 Q. Sorry. There were 12 people that found you to be engaged
- 4 | in a crime that involved lying?
- 5 A. I don't know if we were lying, but --
- 6 Q. Well, if there were 12 people who found you, whether you
- 7 | agree with that or not, to be engaged in a crime that involved
- 8 | lying?
- 9 A. I don't know what the jury was thinking and why they
- 10 convicted us.
- 11 | Q. I'm asking if you were convicted of a crime.
- MR. HANEY: Your Honor, asked and answered.
- 13 A. Yes, I was convicted of crime.
- 14 | Q. You were convicted of crime?
- 15 A. I don't know what the jury thought.
- 16 THE COURT: Everyone needs to stop talking now. The
- 17 | way this is going to work is Mr. Boone is going to ask a
- 18 | question. You may object at the appropriate time.
- 19 Mr. Dawkins, you should wait until the question is
- 20 | asked, and if you see one of the lawyers standing up to object,
- 21 | you should not answer the question, OK?
- 22 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry, your Honor.
- MR. HANEY: Your Honor, I would object to the last
- 24 | question. It's asked and answered, and now we're already being
- 25 | argumentative with the witness.

THE COURT: Mr. Dawkins, please do not answer the

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can transcribe correctly.

- 1 | question before it's completed.
- 2 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry.
- 3 MR. HANEY: I would note also, Mr. Boone is doing the
- 4 same thing, as a matter of fairness to the optics of this right
- 5 | now, your Honor. Thank you.
- 6 BY MR. BOONE:
- 7 | Q. You testified maybe two minutes ago that you understood
- 8 | what the word "fraud" meant. Do you recall testifying to your
- 9 | understanding of what the word "fraud" meant?
- 10 | A. I do.
- 11 | Q. Do you recall saying that your understanding is that it
- 12 | involved dishonesty?
- 13 A. I recall you asked me what the word "fraud" meant, and I do
- 14 | know that's another word for -- you know, dishonest would be a
- 15 word for fraud, yes.
- 16 | Q. That's what you're convicted of?
- 17 A. I was convicted of wire fraud, yes.
- 18 | Q. Now, your October trial was not the first instance in which
- 19 you were accused of being dishonest, right?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 | Q. So you heard some testimony earlier -- you gave some
- 22 | testimony earlier about the NBA Players Association. You
- 23 | recall that?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 \parallel Q. And the NBA Players Association is a union, right?

- 1 | A. Yes.
- 2 MR. HANEY: Objection as to foundation, your Honor.
- 3 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 4 MR. HANEY: Thank you.
- 5 A. Yes, it is. The players association is a union, yes.
- 6 Q. Yes. And it's a union for the NBA players, right?
- 7 | A. Correct, and the agents.
- 8 Q. OK. And you understand, obviously, what the purpose of
- 9 | unions are, right?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 | Q. And the purpose of unions are to protect the union members,
- 12 | right?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 | Q. Sometimes they fight for certain wages, right?
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 | Q. And other sort of employment protections, right?
- 17 | A. Correct.
- 18 Q. Certain benefits that union members might want, right?
- 19 | A. Sure.
- 20 | Q. Now, the NBA players union does a couple of different
- 21 | things, right? Let me be more specific.
- 22 One of the things of the NBA union does is it
- 23 certifies agents, correct?
- 24 \parallel A. Yes, it is.
- 25 \parallel Q. And the reason they certify agents is because they want to

- 1 | make sure agents of good character and of good quality are
- 2 | representing NBA players, right?
- 3 | A. Yes.
- 4 Q. The idea is to keep out shady agents, right?
- 5 A. Sure.
- 6 Q. So you have this requirement that you be certified by the
- 7 | NBA so that there is some vetting of the agents, right?
- 8 | A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Because as, you know from your experience, there are people
- 10 | who are very good agents of high moral character, right?
- 11 | A. There's people of very good agents who get the players
- 12 paid, yes.
- 13 | Q. My question is not that. My question is you know, based on
- 14 | your experience, there are some agents who are very well
- 15 | qualified and of high moral character, correct?
- 16 | A. Yes.
- 17 | Q. And there are some who are not very well qualified and of
- 18 | lower character, correct?
- 19 | A. Yes.
- 20 | Q. So the idea is to keep out the bad agents and allow the
- 21 good agents to do their job, right?
- 22 A. I don't know if that's the idea, but that's your
- 23 | interpretation.
- 24 | Q. Now, the NBA Players Association issued a memo about you,
- 25 | right?

- 1 \parallel A. They did.
- 2 | Q. And they issued that memo to its members, right?
- 3 A. They did.
- 4 | Q. And that means it issued a memo to all the NBA players,
- 5 | right?
- 6 A. And agents, yes.
- 7 | Q. And how many NBA players are there?
- 8 A. Fifteen on each team, 30 teams.
- 9 | Q. So what's that? Do the math for us.
- 10 | A. It's over 300. I don't --
- 11 | Q. So it's fair to say there are 300 players in the NBA, give
- 12 or take?
- 13 | A. Yes.
- 14 | Q. So all of those 300 or so players got a memo about you that
- 15 | had accused you of dishonesty, correct?
- MR. HANEY: Objection, your Honor.
- 17 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 18 A. Yes, they did.
- 19 | Q. Now, you talked about this a little bit on your direct, but
- 20 | I want to talk about it a little bit more.
- 21 Now, the memo -- first of all, the memo was issued in
- 22 | May 2017, right?
- 23 A. I believe so, that's correct.
- 24 | Q. And the memo made several allegations, right?
- 25 \parallel A. The allegation was that a client --

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MR. HANEY: Your Honor, I would object. May we have a sidebar?

THE COURT: OK.

MR. HANEY: Thank you.

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the memo. In any event, just sort of characterize whatever the

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A. Correct.

And the NBA Players Association accused you of doing -- of

- 1 | using Uber more than 100 times?
- 2 A. Correct.
- 3 MR. HANEY: Your Honor, I would object to hearsay.
- 4 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 5 MR. HANEY: Thank you.
- 6 A. Mr. Boone, I didn't see the --
- 7 | 0. Yes or no?
- 8 A. I don't know. I didn't see the memo. I didn't read it.
- 9 Q. OK. Is it fair to say that they accused you of using Uber
- 10 | 1,865 times in a year?
- 11 | A. I didn't read the memo.
- 12 | Q. Is it fair to say that they accused you of using Uber by
- 13 | using a client's credit card without that client's permission?
- 14 THE WITNESS: Your Honor, at this point can I explain
- 15 | what happened?
- 16 THE COURT: No. Can you answer that question, yes or
- 17 || no?
- 18 A. Can you repeat the question, sir?
- 19 | Q. Yes. I think we've agreed, at least, that the NBA Players
- 20 | Association accused you of using Uber to the tune of \$42,000,
- 21 | right?
- 22 A. Correct.
- 23 | Q. And the players association's accusation is that you used
- 24 | Uber without the permission of a client?
- 25 A. I don't know if that was the accusation.

- 1 | Q. OK. So it's not your understanding that the reason they
- 2 wrote a memo and sent it to every player in the NBA and their
- 3 | agents was not to inform them of the fact that you had misused
- 4 | a client's credit card to ride Uber 1,865 times in a year that
- 5 | equaled approximately \$42,000 in Uber fees?
- 6 A. A memo was sent. It outlined --
- 7 \mathbb{Q} . Yes or no?
- 8 | A. Ask the question again, please.
- 9 Q. Yes. Is it true that the NBA Players Association, which is designed to protect the NBA players --
- MR. MOORE: Your Honor, objection to Mr. Boone's
- 12 characterization of what the players association is designed to
- 13 do.
- 14 THE COURT: This has already been covered by
- 15 | Mr. Dawkins. The objection's overruled.
- 16 A. The answer is yes.
- 17 | Q. Let me ask the question, please.
- 18 Is it true that the NBA Players Association, that is
- 19 designed to protect the NBA players, sent a memo to all of the
- 20 | NBA players and the NBA agents to inform them that Christian
- 21 | Dawkins spent \$42,000 of a player's money on Uber fees without
- 22 | that player's permission?
- 23 | A. Yes.
- 24 | Q. In your view, that's not true, right?
- 25 \parallel A. You want me to explain now?

- 1 | Q. I just want you to answer yes or no if you think that
- 2 accusation is correct or not.
- 3 A. It's not correct, no.
- 4 Q. And your fraud conviction's not correct either?
- $5 \parallel A$. My what?
- Q. Your fraud conviction from October 2018 that was also in this courtroom, that was also incorrect, right?
- 8 MR. HANEY: Objection, your Honor, to it was in this 9 courtroom. It wasn't in this courtroom. Mr. Boone wasn't 10 there, apparently.
- 11 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 12 A. Yes, I was convicted of fraud.
- 13 | Q. Is it correct or incorrect, that's the question?
- 14 A. You asked me how do I feel about the fraud conviction.
- 15 | Q. I'm not asking how you feel. I'm asking you -- in some
- 16 | ways I am. I'm asking you, in your view, was that ruling, that
- 17 | judgment by the jury that you engaged in dishonesty, correct?
- 18 A. No. You cannot defraud the university.
- 19 Q. That's all.
- Now, you're obviously here on another trial, right?
- 21 A. Correct.
- 22 | Q. And you've been accused of fraud again?
- MR. CHANEY: Your Honor, objection.
- 24 | A. I thought it was --
- 25 MR. CHANEY: -- the presumption of innocence.

- 1 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 2 A. I thought this was a bribery case.
- 3 | Q. Do you want to see the indictment?
- 4 | A. I don't need to see the indictment.
- 5 | Q. OK. You agree that you're on trial, right?
- 6 | A. Yes, yes.
- 7 Q. And you agree that the government is claiming that you've
- 8 done several things. I know you don't agree with any of them,
- 9 | but they're claiming you've done several things, right?
- 10 MR. HANEY: Objection to the form of the question.
- 11 He's testifying.
- 12 | THE COURT: Sustained as to the form.
- MR. BOONE: I agree. I'll try to be better.
- 14 | Q. You agree you've been accused of committing bribery,
- 15 | correct?
- 16 | A. I have.
- 17 | Q. And you agree that you've been accused of being dishonest
- 18 | in your dealings with individuals, right?
- 19 \parallel A. In what way?
- 20 | Q. Do you want me to go over the ways of dishonesty in this
- 21 | case?
- 22 A. Please.
- 23 | Q. You know what? I'll just speed through this a little more
- 24 | quickly. How about this, we'll just get right to the meat of
- 25 | it.

- Now, just to be clear, you're obviously testifying
- 2 under penalty of perjury, correct?
- 3 | A. Yes.
- 4 | Q. You understand that means you can be prosecuted for lying?
- 5 | A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And you understand why that is, right?
- 7 | A. Yes.
- $8 \parallel Q$. And that's because it's very serious to testify in a
- 9 | criminal trial?
- 10 | A. Very.
- 11 | Q. It's very serious to lie to jurors in a criminal trial?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 | Q. Your position is you have not lied to the jurors, correct?
- 14 \parallel A. My interpretation of everything has not been a lie.
- 15 | Q. I didn't ask what your interpretation of anything was. I
- 16 asked you --
- 17 | A. Yes, you did, you said my understanding.
- 18 MR. BOONE: Your Honor.
- 19 THE COURT: Wait for him to finish the question,
- 20 Mr. Dawkins.
- 21 | Q. Is it your testimony that you have not lied to the jurors
- 22 | that are sitting right here?
- 23 A. My interpretation of everything --
- 24 | Q. Is it your testimony that you have not lied, yes or no --
- 25 | A. Yes.

- 1 | Q. -- to the jurors who are sitting right here?
- 2 | A. Yes.
- 3 | Q. OK. Now, yesterday you talked a lot about this model of
- 4 | paying coaches. You recall that?
- 5 | A. Yes.
- 6 | Q. And you said, and I'm quoting, "Paying coaches was Jeff
- 7 | D'Angelo's idea, " and you thought it was idiotic. Is that a
- 8 | fair representation of your view?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 | Q. In fact, you've said that at least, let's say, half a dozen
- 11 | times in this trial, right?
- 12 | A. On the stand and the wiretaps that you guys recorded.
- 13 | Q. On the stand, particularly, to the jury you've told them
- 14 | that you thought this view was idiotic and that it was Jeff
- 15 | D'Angelo's idea, right?
- 16 | A. Yes.
- 17 | Q. Now, if we can -- I want us to take a look -- we're going
- 18 | to take a trip back to South Carolina. If we could take a look
- 19 at Government Exhibit 501AT.
- 20 Mr. Dawkins, I'm going to hand you a physical copy of
- 21 | it because I think it actually may be easier to follow that
- 22 way.
- 23 Your Honor, may I approach?
- 24 THE COURT: You may.
- 25 A. Thank you.

- 1 | Q. You're welcome.
- Now, you took a road trip to South Carolina, correct?
- 3 | A. Yes.
- $4 \parallel Q$. And the purpose of taking that trip was to meet with Lamont
- 5 | Evans, right?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. And Lamont Evans was a basketball coach, right?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 | Q. And you traveled from Atlanta, Georgia, to Columbia, South
- 10 | Carolina?
- 11 | A. I did.
- 12 | Q. Was that approximately a four-hour trip each way?
- 13 A. I can't remember.
- 14 | Q. But the school, University of South Carolina, is in
- 15 | Columbia, South Carolina?
- 16 | A. It is.
- 17 | Q. Now, you went with Marty Blazer, right?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 | Q. And you went with Munish Sood, right?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 | Q. And that trip actually was the first time you had ever met
- 22 | Munish Sood, right?
- 23 A. I believe so, yes.
- 24 \parallel Q. OK. At that time, you actually didn't know Marty Blazer
- 25 | very well either, right?

- 1 | A. No, I didn't know him well, no.
- 2 | Q. That was the first road trip you guys took together?
- 3 A. I believe. This is four years ago. I can't really recall.
- 4 | I believe so.
- 5 | Q. So you got in the car with two people you don't know very
- 6 | well, and you traveled to South Carolina, right?
- 7 | A. Yep.
- 8 Q. To meet with a coach, right?
- 9 | A. Yes.
- 10 | Q. When you don't pay coaches, right?
- 11 | A. No.
- 12 | Q. No, never pay coaches.
- And when you got there -- now, you testified earlier
- 14 you had an interest in recruiting PJ Dozier. You recall that?
- 15 A. Yes, at the time, at this time of this meeting, I
- 16 definitely had an interest in recruiting PJ Dozier.
- 17 | Q. And I think you said he was on some draft boards and that
- 18 | Andy Miller had essentially sort of reached out to you to make
- 19 | sure you worked on getting that client, right?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 | Q. On this trip you didn't meet with PJ Dozier, right?
- 22 | A. I can't recall. I met PJ Dozier's mom. I can't recall if
- 23 | this was the trip.
- 24 | Q. Let me ask you this: On the recordings you went over, was
- 25 | PJ Dozier on any of those recordings?

- 1 A. He was on no recordings, no.
- 2 | Q. It was just you, your new friends, Marty Blazer and Munish
- 3 | Sood, and Lamont Evans, a basketball coach, right?
- 4 MR. HANEY: Objection as to form of the question, your
- 5 | Honor.
- 6 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 | Q. Again, you don't pay college coaches, right?
- 9 MR. HANEY: Your Honor, I would object to the
- 10 | mischaracterization of testimony. He's done it twice now.
- 11 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 12 MR. HANEY: Thank you.
- 13 A. No.
- 14 | Q. Correct, you don't pay college coaches?
- 15 | A. Define "pay college coaches."
- 16 Q. Do you give college coaches money?
- 17 A. For themselves or for a player?
- 18 | Q. For any reason. Your testimony was that you don't pay
- 19 | college coaches?
- 20 A. My testimony yesterday, like I --
- 21 | Q. Would you like to change your testimony?
- 22 A. No, I don't want --
- 23 | THE COURT: You gentlemen need to stop that again.
- 24 Mr. Boone, please wait for him to finish an answer.
- 25 Mr. Dawkins, please wait for him to finish the

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MR. HANEY: Your Honor, I would object.

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10 THE COURT: Overruled.

11 A. School who?

- 12 Q. Have you paid a school bus driver to get a player?
- 13 I have never paid a bus driver.
- 14 Have you paid a cafeteria lady to get a player? Q.
- 15 No. Α.
- 16 Now, if you could take a look -- oh, you did testify you
- 17 did pay youth basketball coaches, right?
- 18 A. Yes, I do.
- 19 Just not -- once they get to college, you stop paying them,
- 20 right?
- 21 A. The youth basketball coach?
- 22 Q. You pay youth basketball coaches, that's your testimony,
- 23 right?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 You don't pay college basketball coaches, right?

- 1 | A. No.
- 2 | Q. So if a youth basketball coach gets promoted to college,
- 3 | then you cut off the payments, right?
- 4 | A. It's a good question.
- $5 \parallel 0$. Yes or no?
- 6 | A. Ask --
- 7 | Q. A youth basketball coach gets elevated to becoming a
- 8 | college basketball coach, is that when you implement your
- 9 policy of paying no college coaches?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 | Q. Now, if we could take a look at -- I'm looking at page 6.
- 12 | This is a transcript, obviously, of the meeting with Lamont
- 13 | Evans and Marty Blazer, Munish Sood, when you guys went on the
- 14 | trip together to South Carolina, two guys you basically don't
- 15 know.
- If we could start with line 11 of page 6, I'll read
- 17 | for you what I think is relevant.
- This is Dawkins: "But -- but -- it's just, like, I
- 19 was just telling y'all, y'all trying to get more into
- 20 | basketball. OK. Agents obviously have influence, but you
- 21 gotta get the college coaches too."
- 22 You said that?
- 23 A. Yes, you read it.
- 24 | Q. You said that?
- 25 A. Correct.

- 1 Q. Thank you.
- Now, I'm looking at line 19 of the same page: "You --
- 3 | you skipping -- it's almost like you skipping a step if you
- 4 | just deal with the agents."
- 5 You said that, right?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 | Q. Now, Jeff D'Angelo did not exist in March 2016, right?
- 8 A. He did not.
- 9 Q. That fictional character had not been created, right?
- 10 | A. You didn't create him --
- 11 | Q. You didn't actually meet him at all in the year 2016,
- 12 | right?
- 13 | A. No.
- 14 | Q. So this predated the birth, so to speak, of Jeff D'Angelo,
- 15 | right?
- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 | Q. So he, obviously, didn't make this statement, right?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 \parallel Q. OK. Now, if we could take a look at Government
- 20 | Exhibit 501BT. Would it be helpful if I gave you a hard copy
- 21 of that?
- 22 A. Please.
- 23 Q. No problem.
- 24 | A. Thank you.
- 25 | Q. Now, this is a continuation of the same transcript. I'm

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- 17 gonna be PJ, it's gonna be five PJs down the line."
- 18 You said that, right?
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- 20 Q. Jeff D'Angelo does not exist, right?
- 21 A. He does not.
- 22 Marty Blazer did not say that, right?
- 23 A. No.
- 24 Munish Sood, who barely knows basketball, did not say that,
- 25 right?

- 1 | A. No.
- 2 Q. OK. Now, looking at line 10, Dawkins: "But you need to
- 3 | get in bed with somebody like him now so you got complete
- 4 | access to a kid. Like they -- PJ and his mom can't talk to no
- 5 more than that, you know what I'm saying? And he can control
- 6 who else comes in this bitch."
- 7 You said that?
- 8 | A. I did.
- 9 Q. Line 18: "Yeah, talking to me is one thing, but you need
- 10 | the source if -- because if the coach says, yo, can't nobody
- 11 come around, can't nobody fucking come around."
- 12 You said that?
- 13 | A. I did.
- 14 | Q. Line 23: "Yeah, South Carolina, that's a state where it's
- 15 | a federal offense."
- 16 You said that?
- 17 | A. Can you please turn to the next page of the transcript?
- 18 Q. No.
- 19 || Did you say, "Yeah, South Carolina, that's a state
- 20 | where it's a federal offense, " yes or no?
- 21 | A. I don't know. I don't --
- 22 | Q. You don't know if you said that?
- 23 | A. I mean, that's what your transcript --
- 24 | Q. Let me be clear. Your testimony is that you did not say,
- 25 | "Yeah, South Carolina, that's a state where it's a federal

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21 You said that?

- A. I did. 22
- 23 Page 4, line 2, Dawkins: "See, that's why I be involved

24 with the coaches too."

25 You said that?

Line 20: "You know what I'm saying? Because, like, take PJ, he is saying PJ in this restaurant is like, Who should I talk to about your stuff? He ain't talking. He ain't talking to Frank Martin."

You said that, right?

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- 1 A. Correct.
- 2 | Q. Frank Martin's the head coach of South Carolina?
- $3 \parallel A$. He is.
- 4 | Q. Next page, line 2: "Your head coach, he's just a figure
- 5 head, basically."
- 6 You said that?
- 7 | A. I did.
- 8 | Q. Page 9, line 4: "This is why I want y'all to meet college
- 9 coaches because" -- and there's some other language here -- "if
- 10 | you ain't involved with the kids when they're recruiting, when
- 11 | seniors in high school and being involved, " you said that?
- 12 A. Same thing I've been saying, yes.
- 13 | Q. That's not my question. Did you say that?
- 14 | A. I did.
- 15 | Q. Yes or no? Thank you.
- 16 | A. I did.
- 17 | Q. Line 11: "Yeah, they got that one year and they gone."
- 18 You said that, right?
- 19 A. Further makes my point.
- 20 | Q. You said that, right?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 | Q. Now, you testified earlier that college coaches don't have
- 23 | a lot of time to -- they don't get a lot of time with one on
- 24 \parallel one -- one and done players because those players leave early,
- 25 || right?

- 1 | A. Yes.
- 2 | Q. Based on your experience in the sports industry and in
- 3 | basketball, in particular, is the first time a coach ever meets
- 4 | a new recruit at freshman orientation?
- 5 | A. No.
- 6 Q. No. They've met that player before, right?
- 7 | A. Yes.
- 8 Q. OK. So it is incorrect to say that the only time they
- 9 | spend with that player is from freshman orientation until they
- 10 declare for the draft in March, assuming they're one and done?
- 11 A. Yes, that would be incorrect to say.
- 12 | Q. OK. Page 9, line 21: "That's why I'm like, y'all have to
- 13 get your guys early, 'cause you can't wait until PJ's a
- 14 | junior."
- 15 You said that?
- 16 | A. I did.
- 17 | Q. I want now to take a look at Government Exhibit 501DT. I'm
- 18 going to bring you a copy.
- 19 | A. Thank you.
- 20 | Q. You're welcome.
- 21 So this is a continuation. We're still in South
- 22 | Carolina, right?
- 23 | A. Yes.
- 24 | Q. If we could take a look at page 1, and I'm looking at
- 25 | line 6: "Another guy I got to get you all to meet is -- I told

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- 1 | him when you call, when you pick me up, he called me literally,
- 2 | Tony Bland, another one of my close, close friends 'cause I
- 3 | only introduce y'all to people I'm close, like family with.
- 4 | Tony Bland is the associate coach at USC. Fucking king of LA."
- 5 You said that?
- 6 | A. I did.
- 7 | Q. Jeff D'Angelo didn't say that, right?
- 8 A. He didn't.
- 9 Q. Jeff D'Angelo's not born yet, right?
- 10 A. I don't know if he's born, but, yes, I said this.
- 11 | Q. OK. Tony Bland is a college basketball coach, right?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 | Q. You just said in here that he coaches at USC, right,
- 14 | associate coach at USC, right?
- 15 A. Right.
- 16 Q. University of Southern California?
- 17 | A. Yes.
- 18 | Q. And you're saying this on a trip in which you just met with
- 19 | a college coach, right?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 | Q. And that was Lamont Evans?
- 22 | A. Right.
- 23 | Q. You don't --
- 24 | A. No one here --
- 25 | Q. I asked you, you testified earlier --

J 52450ealw 27-cr-00684-ER Documber 1268s File 0 1068 0 5/19 Page 73 of 191 1477 Α. No. -- you don't pay college coaches, yes or no? Α. No. It was Jeff D'Angelo's idea, right? Ο. A. You heard that yesterday. MR. BOONE: Your Honor. THE COURT: Yes or no, Mr. Dawkins? Say the question again, please. You testified earlier that you do not pay college coaches, right?

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- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. You testified earlier that it was Jeff D'Angelo's idea to
- 13 pay college coaches, right?
- 14 A. I did.
- Q. Now, if we could go to page 2, line 19, Dawkins: "I got so 15
- 16 many coaches, man."
- 17 You said that?
- 18 A. What does that mean?
- 19 Q. Did you say that?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Then you go on to say, line 21: "Well, you know, my dad's
- 22 a college coach."
- 23 You said that, right?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Now I'm looking at page 3, line 8. I actually want to

Q. Line 13: "He's going to block everybody from coming around." Talking about coaches, right?

A. I'm talking about Lamont Evans, yes.

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- 1 | Q. You're talking about basketball coach who coaches in
- 2 | college, correct?
- 3 | A. Yes.
- 4 | Q. OK. "He's going to bring -- give you access to the
- 5 | situation, the parents, whatever. You know, when the time is
- 6 | right, like, everything will be lined up, because that's his
- 7 | job too. That's what -- like, you almost got him by the balls,
- 8 so to speak."
- 9 You said that, right?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 | Q. And you say you were talking about a college basketball
- 12 | coach, right?
- 13 | A. Yes.
- 14 | Q. Line 21: "And people don't think of it that way, but I'm
- 15 | like, yo, everybody wants to deal with AAU coaches, and some
- 16 AAU coaches aren't really good resources. But most of the
- 17 | time, it's the college coaches, man."
- 18 You said that, right?
- 19 | A. Yes.
- 20 | Q. You don't pay college coaches, right?
- 21 | A. There's nothing here saying I'm paying college coach.
- 22 | Q. I'm asking you if you testified earlier to the fact that
- 23 | you do not pay college coaches, yes or no?
- 24 | A. No.
- 25 \parallel Q. Now, page 5, line 21: "He had assistant there now. I

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don't necessarily have to fuck with your guys."

You said that, right?

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- 1 | A. Yes.
- 2 | Q. When you say "assistant," you're referring to assistant
- 3 | basketball coaches?
- 4 | A. I don't understand what this mean. The unintelligible
- 5 thing throws everything off. "His assistant, these are my
- 6 guys. They don't necessarily have to fuck with your guys," I
- 7 don't know what that means right here.
- 8 | Q. Your testimony is you're not sure when you say assistant
- 9 | two lines from when you previously said assistant if you're
- 10 | still talking about assistant basketball coaches, is that
- 11 | correct?
- 12 | A. I'm sure it's assistant basketball coaches, yes.
- 13 | Q. OK. Now let's look at line 12: "He's hands-on with them
- 14 | now."
- 15 Line 14: "When you become the head coach, it's almost
- 16 | like it's a dictatorship. And if you're telling people, OK,
- 17 | these are my guys, this is who you need to deal with, does the
- 18 | relationship ever really work in the way it would have worked
- 19 | if you were doing it?"
- 20 You said that, right?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 \parallel Q. Now, line 23: "So, shit, for us, we need to try to get --
- 23 | as long as he's an assistant coach, maximize it."
- 24 You said that, right?
- 25 | A. Yes.

- 1 | Q. Talking about Lamont Evans, right?
- 2 A. Correct.
- 3 | Q. A basketball coach, right?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 | Q. In college, right?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 | Q. Jeff D'Angelo's not born yet, right?
- 8 A. I don't know if Jeff D'Angelo --
- 9 Q. Line 4, Dawkins: "Or help him get as many elite kids
- 10 | that -- for instance, if he's on a kid that's looking like a
- 11 | potential two-and-done kid or one-and-done kid, you talking
- 12 | about five grand or pay their mom's little rent in fucking
- 13 | Florence, South Carolina. That's going to be \$500 a month. I
- 14 | mean, you got you a first-round pick before the shit got crazy
- 15 | at the end, when people are talking about real money."
- 16 You said that, right?
- 17 | A. Yes.
- 18 | Q. And you testified earlier that it's idiotic?
- 19 A. Can you read, bro? It says pay someone's mother.
- 20 THE COURT: Mr. Dawkins --
- 21 | Q. Read the whole --
- 22 THE COURT: Stop, stop.
- 23 Mr. Dawkins, answer the question yes or no, OK?
- 24 Mr. Boone.
- 25 | Q. Page 7, line 4, Dawkins: "Or help him get as many elite

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- 18 And you testified earlier that the idea was idiotic,
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- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 And you testified that it didn't make any sense, correct?
- 22 A. Correct.
- 23 And you just explained what sense it made, correct? We'll 24 move on.
- 25 Now, if we could take a look at Government

Q. OK. You testified -- excuse me.

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And you testified earlier that you were not paying

- 1 | Lamont Evans, correct, yes or no?
- 2 A. Correct.
- 3 Q. OK. Now, line 13: "I would just come to the drop down
- 4 here."
- 5 Skip to line 15: "Or, you know, Lamont recruited in
- 6 Atlanta, see him in Atlanta, go to the bank."
- 7 You said that, right?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Line 18: "Give him 2,500. He ain't gonna do shit like
- 10 | that now on no paper."
- 11 You said that, right?
- 12 | A. Correct.
- 13 | Q. Line 21: "But the good thing about it is" -- and I'm
- 14 | skipping to line 24 -- "the more times you're down here" --
- 15 | next page, line 2 -- "the more you see PJ."
- 16 You said that, right?
- 17 | A. I did.
- 18 | Q. PJ, you're referring to PJ Dozier, right?
- 19 | A. Sure.
- 20 | Q. The player at South Carolina, right?
- 21 A. Correct.
- 22 | Q. Who Lamont Evans coached, right?
- 23 A. Correct.
- 24 | Q. And who you just visited with earlier in this trip, right?
- 25 A. Correct.

- 1 | Q. With Marty Blazer, right?
- 2 | A. Yes.
- 3 | Q. Who you had barely known, right?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. And Munish Sood, who you did not know at all, right?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 | Q. And you traveled by car, right?
- 8 MR. HANEY: Your Honor, I would object. He's asked 9 and answered these questions.
- 10 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 11 | A. We did.
- 12 Q. OK. It took some time, right?
- 13 A. Say that again.
- 14 | Q. Did it take some time to get there? How far is South
- 15 | Carolina?
- 16 A. I don't know how far, but, yes, it took time.
- 17 | Q. OK. Line 4 Dawkins: "The more you see his mom or the more
- 18 | she sees you at the game" -- and, again, you're just referring
- 19 | to PJ Dozier, PJ Dozier's mom, correct?
- 20 | A. Yes, I am.
- 21 MR. BOONE: Your Honor, I don't know. I can keep
- 22 going, but this is a good time to stop.
- 23 | THE COURT: We can break now. We'll take our first
- 24 | break, ladies and gentlemen. Be prepared to come out in 15
- 25 | minutes. Don't discuss the case. (Jury excused)

- 1 BY MR. BOONE:
- 2 | Q. Now, we just finished talking about Lamont Evans. I want
- 3 | to move on and talk about another college basketball coach,
- 4 | Book Richardson -- Emmanuel Book Richardson.
- 5 Now, Mr. Dawkins, do you recall testifying earlier
- 6 | that you did not think paying Book Richardson -- sorry. Let me
- 7 | start over.
- 8 You testified the other day that you didn't think Book
- 9 was worth paying money to?
- 10 | A. Correct.
- 11 | Q. Okay. And I think you said that you were just hooking Book
- 12 | up with money because he was your friend?
- 13 A. Correct.
- 14 | Q. Okay. Now, I want to focus on the June 6th, 2017 meeting.
- 15 | This is the meeting on the yacht we've talked about before in
- 16 | this trial.
- 17 Do you recall that?
- 18 | A. Yes.
- 19 | Q. And that meeting is where Loyd was sort of officially
- 20 | formed; is that right?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 | Q. The shareholder agreement was signed in that meeting,
- 23 || right?
- 24 | A. Yes.
- 25 \parallel Q. And at that meeting were several people. Jeff, the

- 1 | undercover, was there, right?
- 2 | A. Yes.
- 3 | Q. And Jill, the other undercover, was there, right?
- 4 | A. I'm pretty sure, yes.
- 5 Q. Okay. Munish Sood, you recall him being there?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 | Q. And he brought Mr. -- with him, right?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 | Q. And Martin Blazer with him, right?
- 10 | A. Correct.
- 11 | Q. Okay. And this was the first meeting where this group of
- 12 people, this entire group of people, were in the same place; is
- 13 | that right?
- 14 | A. Yes.
- 15 | Q. Okay. Now, I wanted to take a look at Government Exhibit
- 16 | 508-AT.
- 17 A. Thank you.
- 18 | Q. You're welcome. And I want to focus on page 10, line 18.
- 19 Dawkins: "Well, I'll say this, if there is a
- 20 | situation where we can support college coaches, like there
- 21 | aren't many college coaches I don't have, like the head
- 22 | coaches, I don't have access to now."
- 23 You said that?
- 24 | A. Yes.
- 25 | Q. Jeff D'Angelo did not say that, correct?

- 1 A. He did not.
- 2 Q. Now, I want to take a look at page 12, line 20:
- 3 So, for Lamont -- so, if you're going after like a
- 4 Book or a Kenny Johnson in Louisville, or like -- because like
- 5 | Lamont's good, but he's not the elite-elite dudes."
- 6 You said that, right?
- 7 | A. I did.
- 8 | Q. And by Book, you're referring to Emmanuel Book Richardson?
- 9 | A. I am.
- 10 | Q. And Kenny Johnson obviously was just a coach in Louisville,
- 11 | right?
- 12 | A. He was.
- 13 | Q. Okay. Is it fair to say the University of Arizona and
- 14 | University of Louisville are some of the more premier college
- 15 | basketball programs?
- 16 | A. Yes.
- 17 | Q. Okay. Page 13, line one:
- Dawkins: "If you're going after those kind of dudes,
- 19 | I mean, like I'm talking to Book on the way, coming to the
- 20 | hotel just now."
- 21 You said that, right?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 | Q. And, again, Book Richardson, that's the one you're
- 24 referring to?
- 25 || A. Correct.

"But if you're going to fund those kind of guys, man, we'd be running college basketball, I think, because none of them aren't my friends."

You said that, right?

A. I did.

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Q. Now if we can take a look at page 16, line 19:

Dawkins: "I say, you do this to make me smarter and get the most bang so everybody can make money. If you're just giving the guy four grand a month, I just don't know what you're giving them four grand a month for. You know what I'm saying? So this is what you should do, let me speak to them when they need it."

You said that, correct?

- A. I did.
- 16 | Q. So, Jeff D'Angelo didn't say that, right?
- 17 A. He did not.
- 18 \parallel Q. And if we can go to page 17, line six:

"So, like Book may need these two kids. He may need a grand amount to get something done for you, okay, and then you give it to them at that point, because all they should be using the money for is to take care of situations for us all to be able to make money in the long run.

You said that, right?

A. I did.

- Q. Jeff D'Angelo, didn't say that, right?
- A. He did not.

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- Q. Then Blazer responds, saying I might do a little bit of both though. And then couple lines down:
- Dawkins, line 15, you say the following: If you're going, okay, I'm going to say this, if you do a little bit of both, only give the elite level dudes like a Book four grand a month is a lot.
- 9 You said that, right. I did.
- 10 Q. And then again, referring to Book Richardson at Arizona,
 11 right?
- 12 A. Correct.

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- Q. And you testified earlier Arizona is one of those elite programs, right?
- 15 A. Traditionally, yes.
- Q. Traditionally, yes. If we could go now to page 19. I'm going start at line 7 just to give context.
 - This is this is Jeff D'Angelo speaking. So, if you want to facilitate introductions, however you want to do it, you want to do it at the draft, you want to do it at workout, some of the workouts in Vegas, you want to do it down in Miami, you want to bring them on do the introduction here with one or two, three guys, that's kind of what we're offering as a way to, you know, network, open the door. Obvious D'Angelo said that, right?

- 1 A. He did.
- 2 Q. Now, a few lines down, line 22, you said, s let's do it,
- 3 let's do it in Vegas because every coach in the country goes to
- 4 | Vegas the end of July.
- 5 You said that, right?
- 6 | A. I did.
- 7 Q. And then next page, line one of page 20, let's do it in
- 8 | Vegas because that will be the easiest place for me to get to.
- Then skip to line five, and you say: "Yeah, we'll do
- 10 | it in like a hotel suite or something like that and have them
- 11 come through one at a time. And then the other ones don't need
- 12 | to know about each other."
- 13 You said that, right?
- 14 | A. I did.
- 15 | Q. And you were talking about setting up a meeting in Vegas
- 16 | with college basketball coaches, right?
- 17 A. Right.
- 18 | Q. And line 10, page 20, you say: "It's supposed to say we
- 19 | want them all to feel special, like we're only doing this for
- 20 you now, you know what I'm saying."
- 21 You said that?
- 22 | A. I did.
- 23 | Q. Okay. Now, I want to address sort of a related but
- 24 different point regarding Book. I believe you testified that
- 25 -- actually I think you already referred to this that really

- 1 Book was someone who was going to help you out regardless of
- 2 whether you paid him or not, right?
- 3 A. Right.
- $4 \parallel Q$. And I think you testified to those words in regards to some
- 5 of the other coaches we've been talking about?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 | Q. These are considered to be your friends?
- 8 | A. Yes.
- 9 | Q. Tony Bland, right?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 | Q. Preston Murphy?
- 12 | A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Corey Barker, right?
- 14 | A. Yes.
- 15 | Q. Now, you would agree that just as a general matter, money
- 16 | can motivate people to do things, right?
- 17 A. Some cases.
- 18 | Q. And you would agree, for instance, that even if you enjoy
- 19 doing your job, if someone actually pays you more to do your
- 20 | job, maybe you're a little bit more motivated to do that job,
- 21 | right?
- 22 A. In some cases.
- 23 | Q. All right. And, you obviously know by now that the
- 24 government's theory is that you gave money to Book to motivate
- 25 | him to steer players your way, right? That's our view.

- 1 A. Oh, okay. Got you.
- 2 | Q. We're arguing that you gave money to book Richardson to
- 3 motivate him to incentivize him to steer players to you; do you
- 4 | understand that?
- 5 MR. HANEY: Object to the form of the question, your
- 6 Honor.
- 7 THE COURT: Sustained as to the form.
- 8 Q. Is it your understanding that the government's theory is
- 9 | that you paid Book Richardson money, in exchange he was going
- 10 to steer players towards you?
- 11 MR. HANEY: Objection, your Honor.
- 12 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 13 | THE WITNESS: Yes, that's my understanding.
- 14 | Q. Okay. Now, and obviously we talked about how your view
- 15 | basically -- your testimony is that certain coaches would have
- 16 | just helped you out anyway, right?
- 17 | A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Now, Preston Murphy was a coach at Creighton; is that
- 19 | correct?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 | Q. And Corey Barker was at Texas Christian, TCU, right?
- 22 | A. Yes.
- 23 | Q. Book was already at Arizona, right?
- 24 | A. Yes.
- 25 | Q. Bland, we talked about being at the University of Southern

- 1 | California, right?
- 2 | A. Yes.
- 3 | Q. Now, in the earlier part of your direct, you talked about
- 4 your work at ASM; do you recall that?
- 5 | A. I do.
- 6 Q. And you talked about how your job was essentially to be a
- 7 | runner, right?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 | Q. And I think you find that as more or less as connecting a
- 10 | player and also a player's family to one of the agents at ASM,
- 11 | right?
- 12 A. A recruiter, yes.
- 13 | Q. A recruiter.
- 14 And you mentioned people that since over your time
- 15 | there that you felt you were responsible for recruiting, so to
- 16 | speak, right?
- 17 | A. Yes.
- 18 | Q. Now, Durrelle Martin was one of those people, right?
- 19 | A. He was.
- 20 | Q. He played at Louisiana State University, right?
- 21 A. LSU.
- 22 | Q. Correct. So, Mike Malik Beasley, you mentioned him, right?
- 23 | A. Yes.
- 24 | Q. He played at Florida State University; is that right?
- 25 | A. He did.

- 1 | Q. You mentioned Brice Johnson; is that correct?
- 2 | A. Yes.
- 3 | Q. He played at the University of North Carolina; is that
- 4 | right?
- 5 A. He did.
- 6 | Q. You mentioned Fred VanVleet; is that correct?
- 7 | A. Yes.
- 8 | Q. And he played at Wichita State; is that correct?
- 9 A. He did.
- 10 | Q. You mentioned Justin Patton, right?
- 11 | A. Yes.
- 12 | Q. He played at Creighton, right?
- 13 | A. He did.
- 14 | Q. And you mentioned Jaron Bollsomgame?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 | Q. He played at Clemson; is that right?
- 17 | A. He did.
- 18 | Q. And you mentioned Edwin Sumner, right?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 | Q. He played at Xavier, right?
- 21 A. Correct.
- 22 | Q. And so none of those players played at the University of
- 23 | Arizona, correct?
- 24 A. No.
- 25 | Q. And none of those players played at University of Southern

- 1 | California, correct?
- 2 | A. No.
- 3 | Q. And none of those players played --
- 4 | A. No.
- 5 | Q. And so, Book Richardson, since he has been a coach at
- 6 | Arizona has never helped you get a player at the University of
- 7 | Arizona, right?
- 8 A. When you say "actually help," you mean deliver somebody?
- 9 | Q. I mean people you consider to be people you have recruited
- 10 | for ASM?
- 11 | A. Uh-huh.
- 12 | Q. Or any of those people players at the University of Arizona
- 13 | that Book Richardson facilitated --
- 14 \parallel A. No. He didn't deliver any of those players to me, no.
- 15 | Q. And I take it the same is for Tony Bland, right?
- 16 A. No, he didn't.
- 17 | Q. I take it the same is for Corey Barker, right?
- 18 A. No. He didn't deliver any of those players.
- 19 | Q. And so, although they were your friends, they had yet to
- 20 produce any players before you started paying them?
- 21 A. I didn't pay them, the evidence shows. But, no.
- $22 \parallel Q$. Now, is it fair to say that the very top basketball players
- 23 | tend to hire very good agents and other advisers to sort of be
- 24 on their team and represent them?
- 25 \parallel A. That's an opinion.

- 1 | Q. You worked for Andy Miller, right?
- 2 | A. I did.
- 3 | Q. He was one of the greatest agents of all time?
- 4 A. Ever lived.
- 5 | Q. And we talked a little bit about Bill Duffy in this trial,
- 6 | right?
- 7 | A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And he's another well-regarded agent, right?
- 9 | A. Yes.
- 10 | Q. And you said that Andy Miller had, at one point, Kevin
- 11 | Garnett as one of his players, right?
- 12 | A. Uh-huh.
- 13 | Q. And I think you even said that -- it may not be true now,
- 14 | but at some point Kevin Garnett had made the most money of any
- 15 | players; is that right?
- 16 A. Right.
- 17 | Q. And so is it fair to say that top players tend to align
- 18 | themselves with top agents?
- 19 | A. It's an opinion. You can't -- it's a case-by-case basis.
- 20 | There are agents who will have an All-Star type player --
- 21 | Q. I'll ask you another question if you can't answer yes or
- 22 | no.
- 23 MR. HANEY: Objection.
- 24 THE COURT: Objection sustained.
- 25 MR. HANEY: May I have a sidebar, your Honor, briefly?

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MR. HANEY: Obviously, I'm not asking to un-sustain the objection, but more from a stylistic standpoint, it doesn't necessarily always call for a yes-or-no answer to the question. If my client feels that he needs to explain his answer, I don't think that Mr. Boone can tell him yes or no repeatedly, if he hasn't answered. I don't believe every single question necessarily has to be a yes-or-no answer. And I think that's the theme of this cross-examination. I haven't said anything to this point, and that's why I'm raising this point at this moment.

MR. BOONE: Your Honor, obviously in criminal trials the answer of the witness must be responsive to the question that is asked. So if it's a yes-or-no answer, then he can answer yes or no; it's expected that he answer yes or no. If he can't answer yes or no, he can say, I can't answer yes or no, and it will be on me to figure out what to do next.

MR. HANEY: And my response to that would be: He's made attempts on several occasions to follow up and offer an explanation that Mr. Boone is not allowing him to do. We did not have that same latitude on cross-examination, because when we tried to do the same thing, they objected to that.

MR. MARK: Note for the record, they did that multiple times on their cross-examination.

THE COURT: Well, if you're going to ask a yes-or-no

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1	question, Mr. Boone, do so clearly. I think this last series		
2	of questions about good agent and what makes a good agent and		
3	do most elite players use good agents, I mean, I think that was		
4	you know, clearly Mr. Dawkins indicated an unwillingness to		
5	adopt that position. So, ask another question and make it		
6	clear.		
7	MR. BOONE: Yes, your Honor.		
8	MR. MOORE: Could I just ask your Honor: Is it		
9	your Honor's position that if a witness is asked a yes-or-no		
10	question, he or she must answer yes or no and is not allowed to		
11	explain their answer, and then that has to be cleared up on		
12	redirect?		
13	THE COURT: Absolutely.		
14	MR. MOORE: Okay. Because that's not been my		
15	experience. But we're in a different place. I understand that		
16	may be the custom here.		
17	THE COURT: Yeah. And obviously I'm not going to step		
18	on a if we're talking about something that I believe to be		
19	immaterial or predatory or you know. But we're dealing with		
20	the meat of the matter here.		
21	MR. MOORE: So I understand that on redirect or		
22	perhaps recross, we can explore the things that Mr. Boone cut		
23	him off on; is that correct?		
24	THE COURT: Absolutely.		
25	MR. MOORE: Thank you.		

- 1 | (In open court)
- 2 BY MR. BOONE:
- 3 | Q. Chris -- was an All-Star NBA player, correct?
- 4 A. No, he's never made an All-Star game.
- 5 | Q. He was never a All-Star player? Was he a first-round draft
- 6 | pick?
- 7 A. He was. I don't think Chris was -- I can't remember.
- 8 | Q. I think he made it once but then got hurt.
- 9 So he was represented by Andy Miller of Andy Miller
- 10 | Sports, right?
- 11 A. Andy and his brother, yes.
- 12 | Q. Okay. And Kevin Garnett was an All-Star --
- 13 | A. Yes.
- 14 | Q. Let me ask it again. Kevin Garnett was an All-Star for
- 15 | multiple years in the NBA?
- 16 | A. Yes.
- 17 | Q. And he was represented by Andy Miller, right?
- 18 | A. He was.
- 19 | Q. Now, you testified that obviously you're not an agent,
- 20 || right?
- 21 | A. Correct.
- 22 | Q. And that your career in sports has been that one of more of
- 23 | a connector, right?
- 24 A. Yeah, I guess.
- 25 \parallel Q. In terms of connecting family, players to agents, correct?

- 1 | A. Yes.
- 2 | Q. Okay. And so you've never actually had a client of your
- $3 \parallel \text{own, right?}$
- 4 | A. No.
- 5 | Q. Okay. And you're obviously not a financial adviser, right?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 | Q. And so you never had clients as a financial adviser, right?
- 8 | A. No.
- 9 Q. And I assume because you never had a client, you've also
- 10 | not been hired as a manager for an NBA player, business
- 11 | manager, I'm talking about.
- 12 | A. Define business manager, please.
- 13 | Q. Sure. Someone who manages the sort of various businesses
- 14 | of NBA players, including marketing, their endorsements, other
- 15 | financial deals.
- 16 A. That's not what a business manager does in the NBA. But,
- 17 | yes, I have managed players.
- 18 | Q. What is your definition?
- 19 A. A business manager for an NBA player is someone who's going
- 20 | to work on the accounting side, work in conjunction with their
- 21 | financial adviser. A marketing endorser is going to fall under
- 22 \parallel the hat of the agent.
- 23 | Q. Is it fair to say that there are many sorts of sports
- 24 | agencies that exist in the marketplace?
- 25 A. Yes.

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- 1 | Q. ASM is obviously one we talked about. Bill Duffy, what's
- 2 | his group called?
- 3 | A. BTA.

- Q. Okay. CTA --
- 5 A. You're wrong. It's CBA.
- 6 Q. Oh, excuse me. Is CAA a group?
- 7 | A. Yes.
- 8 | Q. What about -- sports?
- 9 A. No longer. They used to be.
- 10 Q. Used to be. Okay. Is it fair to say -- well, let me
- 11 | withdraw that question.
- 12 Now, the Lloyd management venture was going to be your
- 13 | first venture into managing in the ways that we've discussed.
- 14 | Is that right?
- 15 A. Not really but.
- 16 | Q. Let me be more clear. I think you testified that the idea
- 17 | was that Lloyd would sort of be a one-stop shop for the
- 18 players, financial advisers you could use, actual agents you
- 19 could use, bill-pay persons, is that a fair description?
- 20 | A. No. It wouldn't be a --
- 21 | Q. Would it cover those things I just mentioned?
- 22 | A. No.
- MR. HANEY: He's stepping on his answers.
- 24 THE COURT: He answered.
- Next question.

- 1 | BY MR. BOONE:
- 2 Q. Was part of Lloyd's management goal to represent players?
- 3 A. The goal was to represent players, yes.
- 4 | Q. Okay. And was part of that goal also to represent in terms
- 5 of the contract negotiations?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Was part of the goal to represent them financially?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. So, an issue was not going to be the financial adviser for
- 10 | the --
- 11 | A. He could have been. But he also could have been for the
- 12 | financial adviser.
- 13 | Q. That's not my question. My question was:
- 14 Did you testify earlier that he sued someone who you
- 15 consider to be a financial adviser?
- 16 A. That is correct.
- 17 | Q. Right? And you testified earlier that there was also
- 18 consideration about agents you would align yourself with that
- 19 | Loyd mentioned, right?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 | Q. Okay. And this was going to be obviously a new venture,
- 22 | right?
- 23 | A. It was.
- 24 | Q. Okay. And that's how the UC sort of got involved in this,
- 25 | right?

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- 1 A. The who?
- 2 | Q. I said the UC, referring to Jeff D'Angelo.
- 3 | A. Yes.
- $4 \parallel Q$. He got involved to help that, right?
- 5 | A. Yeah. He was introduced to fund it.
- 6 Q. And so, this would be a new company that would be competing
- 7 | against existing companies for business, right?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Okay. Now, I want to go to -- actually, I want to stay on
- 10 | this boat meeting.
- 11 Now, you testified earlier that you felt that Jeff
- 12 | D'Angelo -- you see him on the cover -- wasn't going to fund
- 13 | Loyd Management unless you agreed with his coach's model.
- 14 Do you recall saying that?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 | Q. Okay.
- MR. BOONE: If we could pull up Government Exhibit
- 18 623.
- 19 Q. This is the shareholder agreement?
- 20 | A. It is.
- 21 | Q. And if we could look at page -- it's the second-to-last
- 22 page. The bate stamp ends in 60.
- 23 You signed this agreement, obviously?
- 24 | A. I did.
- 25 | Q. Okay. And if we could now take a look at section 5 of this

- 1 | agreement.
- 2 | A. Yes.
- Q. Now section 5, if we could highlight for the jury, where it says: Loan to Loyd, Inc. It says:
- "Mr. D'Angelo provided a loan in the amount of \$185,000, and Mr. Sood a loan for \$40,000, which will be repaid by the company from earnings before distribution of any net income."
- 9 Do you see that?
- 10 | A. I do.
- 12 | Q. Now, is there anything in this section about Mr. D'Angelo's loan being contingent on following the coach's model?
- 13 A. It is, Mr. Boone.
- Q. Now, if you could take a look at the shareholder agreement,
 is there anything generally in the entire agreement that says
 anything about Mr. D'Angelo demanding that you follow the

coach's model in order to receive the money we just went over?

18 A. It is not.

- 19 Q. Okay. And now, the section we just went over, section 5, 20 does it list someone other than Mr. D'Angelo as giving money to
- 21 Loyd Management?
- 22 A. Munish Sood.
- Q. And that's obviously a person we talked about who was a financial adviser, right?
- $25 \parallel A$. He was.

- 1 | Q. Okay. Now, if we could take a look at Government Exhibit
- 2 | 508-DT. I'm going to just hand you 508-DT and 508-AT.
- 3 | This is 508DT.
- 4 A. Thank you.
- Q. Now, take a moment to look at it. I believe this is a
- 6 | transcript from the boat meeting on June 6th.
- 7 Let me know if you've had a chance to look at it and
- 8 | if that looks correct to you?
- 9 | A. Yes.
- 10 | Q. Okay. Again, this is where Loyd was formed, right?
- 11 | A. Yes.
- 12 | Q. And this is that meeting that we showed earlier, where
- 13 | \$25,000 was given by Jeff, and I think he gave it to Munish
- 14 | Sood technically, right?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 | Q. Okay. And if we could take a look at page ten. Now,
- 17 | focusing on line 22 of that page, D'Angelo is speaking:
- 18 "So, this is 25, right, five, 10, 10, so I'll get you
- 19 | the -- I didn't know." Then he goes on, other people talking.
- 20 Do you see that?
- 21 | A. I do.
- 22 | Q. Okay. And that's D'Angelo talking about giving \$25,000,
- 23 | right?
- 24 | A. I'm pretty certain, yes.
- 25 | Q. And is there any discussion either in this line or anywhere

- 1 | in this transcript of Jeff D'Angelo saying that the money was
- 2 contingent on you funding college basketball coaches?
- $3 \parallel A$. It is not.
- 4 \parallel Q. Okay. If we can look at 508-AT. This should be another
- 5 | transcription of the boat meeting. And this is actually --
- 6 | you're right. This is one we went over earlier where there is
- 7 | a discussion of Book Richardson, do you recall that?
- 8 | A. I do.
- 9 | Q. And do you recall in this transcript Jeff D'Angelo ever
- 10 | saying that the \$25,000 he was going to give Loyd was going to
- 11 | be contingent on Loyd Management adopting his coach's model?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 | Q. And your testimony is that, in fact, Jeff D'Angelo's money
- was contingent on adopting the coach's model; is that correct?
- 15 A. My testimony on the phone call was never played.
- 16 Q. Just yes or no.
- 17 | A. Excuse me?
- 18 Q. Just yes or no.
- 19 A. Repeat the question, please.
- 20 | Q. Sure.
- 21 Your testimony is that the money Jeff D'Angelo gave
- 22 | Loyd Management was, in fact, contingent on Loyd Management
- 23 | following the coach's model, like we've been discussing?
- 24 | A. Yes.
- 25 \parallel Q. Okay. Now, you testified earlier that this was the first

- 1 | meeting of sort of this four group of people, right?
- 2 | A. Yes.
- 3 | Q. You had met Jeff once before, right?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 | Q. All right. And now I think Munish --
- 6 A. Can you repeat it.
- $7 \parallel Q$. Yes. Sorry.
- Just going over who was there again: Joe Bailey, Jeff
 D'Angelo, Munish Sood, Marty Blazer.
- 10 Does that sound right?
- 11 A. At the boat meeting, right?
- 12 | Q. At the boat meeting, yes. Still on the boat meeting.
- Okay. And generally speaking at this meeting, we went
- 14 | over, first of all, conversations discussing Book Richardson,
- 15 || right?
- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 | Q. Now, among this group of people on the boat, are you the
- 18 | only person who has real knowledge about how the basketball
- 19 | world works?
- 20 A. I can't speak for everybody else.
- 21 | Q. Based on your conversations with those people over the
- 22 course of the case, would you say that you have more basketball
- 23 | knowledge than Jeff D'Angelo?
- 24 A. That would be an opinion. I can't say for a fact.
- 25 Q. You can say; it's fine.

- 1 A. Than Jeff D'Angelo?
- 2 | O. Yes.

- 3 A. Yeah, I would say so.
- 4 | Q. And Marty Blazer, right?
 - A. I don't know about Marty.
- 6 Q. Again, based on your interactions with Marty --
- 7 A. Marty has been in the business a long time. I couldn't say
- 8 | that to be a fact, or my opinion. I don't know what he knows.
- 9 Q. Would you agree that earlier the testimony was that Marty
- 10 | Blazer, in fact, was a football person?
- 11 Did you hear that?
- 12 | A. I didn't mean because he was an expert football guy, I
- 13 | meant that --
- 14 | Q. Let me rephrase it.
- 15 When you were sitting at this trial, and you saw Marty
- 16 | Blazer testify, do you recall him saying that his experience
- 17 | had been primarily in football?
- Do you recall him saying that? That's my question.
- 19 | A. Yes.
- 20 | Q. Now, at any point in time during this meeting on the boat,
- 21 did you ever tell Jeff that you thought it was a bad idea to
- 22 pay college coaches?
- 23 \parallel A. From my interpretation, I said it numerous times.
- 24 | Q. Not your interpretation. I'm talking about specifically on
- 25 | this boat, over the transcripts we've been over, did you ever

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- 1 | say that paying basketball coaches is a bad idea?
- $2 \parallel A$. I thought so.
- 3 | Q. No. I'm not asking what you thought.
- 4 A. Yeah, you are.
- 5 | Q. I literally mean, did you say the words: This is a bad
- 6 | idea?
- 7 A. Not at that point, no.
- 8 | Q. Okay. And did you literally say the words: This is a
- 9 | stupid idea?
- 10 \parallel A. Not at that point, no.
- 11 | Q. And did you literally say the words: This is an idiotic
- 12 | idea?
- 13 A. At that point, I hadn't.
- 14 | Q. Okay. And did you literally say the words: I do not want
- 15 | to do this?
- 16 | A. At that point, I hadn't.
- 17 | Q. I want to now switch gears a bit and talk about Brian
- 18 | Bowen. Now, you testified earlier that you were convicted in a
- 19 | trial that happened in October.
- 20 Do you recall saying that?
- 21 | A. I did.
- 22 | Q. And do you recall testifying that that trial was about
- 23 | Brian Bowen and the Brian Bowen situation?
- 24 \parallel A. Partly.
- 25 | Q. Okay. And Brian Bowen, again, is a basketball player you

- 1 | testified that you have known for a while, right?
- 2 | A. I have.
- 3 | Q. I think you may have said he was a family friend; is that
- 4 | right?
- 5 A. Right.
- 6 | Q. I think you said you had known him your whole life,
- 7 | correct?
- 8 A. A good portion, yes.
- 9 Q. Okay. And you had testified that you were assisting him in
- 10 | his decision to choose what college to go to; do you recall
- 11 | saying that?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 | Q. Okay. And you testified that he ultimately did choose to
- 14 go to the University of Louisville?
- 15 | A. He did.
- 16 | Q. Okay. And you testified that you felt he should get paid
- 17 | for going to the University of Louisville?
- 18 A. Absolutely.
- 19 | Q. You said absolutely he should get paid?
- 20 | A. Say that again.
- 21 | Q. You said absolutely he should get paid to go to Louisville?
- 22
- 23 | A. He should get paid, yes.
- 24 | Q. Okay. And you're aware obviously -- I know your views on
- $25 \parallel \text{this.}$

- But you're aware that that would be a violation of
- 2 | NCAA rules?
- 3 A. Everything is a violation of NCAA rules.
- 4 Q. Maybe. But you're aware that that particular instance of
- 5 paying a player to go to Louisville is a violation of NCAA
- 6 rules?
- 7 A. That particular instance, yes.
- 8 | Q. Okay. And I think you testified that what you did -- and
- 9 | I'm summarizing here -- is that you got Adidas to bribe his
- 10 | father with money, correct?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 | Q. Now, if we could take a look at Government Exhibit 501-A1T.
- I have a hard copy if you want. But if the screen is
- 14 | easier, I'll keep it. I'm going to start on page nine, line
- 15 | five.
- 16 First of all, this is a meeting from June 20th --
- 17 A. Is this the boat meeting still, sir?
- 18 | Q. No. So, take a look, if you need time to look through it.
- 19 | On the front it says June 20th --
- 20 | A. Just tell me which hotel it's at.
- 21 | Q. I believe it's a meeting in the Conrad Hotel.
- 22 | A. Okay.
- 23 | Q. Okay. So, this is the meeting with Merl Code?
- 24 | A. I got it.
- 25 | Q. Okay. Now, page nine, line five, you say:

- "So I think -- I mean, there's a deal. I don't know
- 2 | if you -- well, I think I told you about it, Munish, the Brian
- 3 | Bowen deal with Louisville, which was -- I don't know -- a week
- 4 or two ago. I had good affiliation with the kid. Louisville
- 5 | is what probably the top team you guys have."
- 6 You said that, correct?
- 7 | A. I did.
- 8 | Q. And the Merl you're referring to is Merl Code, correct?
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 | Q. And essentially what happened was Merl helped get money to
- 11 | the Brian Bowen family, correct?
- 12 A. Say that again.
- 13 | Q. Is what essentially happened is that Merl helped get money
- 14 | to the Brian Bowen family?
- 15 A. He was a part of it, yes.
- 16 | Q. Okay. And was the money amount about a hundred thousand
- 17 | dollars?
- 18 \parallel A. They never received \$100,000, no.
- 19 | Q. Was the initial goal \$100,000?
- 20 | A. The agreed upon payment was \$100,000, yes.
- 21 | Q. Okay. And you kept some of that money, right?
- 22 | A. No. Me?
- 23 | Q. Your testimony --
- 24 | A. The Brian Bowen money?
- 25 | Q. Yes or no?

- 1 A. Never. Didn't keep up with --
- 2 MR. BOONE: Your Honor, I ask that you --
- THE COURT: He answered.
- 4 BY MR. BOONE:
- 5 | Q. Is your understanding that Merl Code kept some of that
- 6 money?
- 7 A. No. What are you talking about?
- 8 | Q. Now, if we could move on. You testified earlier that you
- 9 -- actually, let me back up a little bit.
- 10 Now, obviously, we've gone over a lot of transcripts
- 11 | during the course of this trial, right?
- 12 A. Yeah. We went through a lot. Jesus.
- 13 | Q. Maybe too many transcripts?
- 14 | A. Too many.
- 15 | Q. And you have followed along with some of the transcripts as
- 16 | you've been sitting here, right?
- 17 | A. I have.
- 18 | Q. And I'm sure you've noticed some mistakes here or there,
- 19 | right?
- 20 A. What do you mean?
- 21 | Q. In terms of typos or things of that nature.
- 22 | A. I haven't looked that closely. I don't know.
- 23 | Q. Let me show you.
- 24 MR. BOONE: If we could pull up actually Defense
- $25 \parallel \text{Exhibit } 2.$

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- Q. Your attorney showed you this yesterday.
- 2 A. Okay. I'm on it.
- 3 | Q. Okay. And this is a call between you and Merl Code, it
- 4 | looks like, right?
- 5 | A. Yes.

- 6 | Q. From June 20th, right?
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 MR. BOONE: And if we could go to page two of this
- 9 | transcript, and if we could highlight where Merl Code says
- 10 | "Okay." We can just highlight the Merl Code part. We don't
- 11 | need the rest of it. Thank you.
- 12 BY MR. BOONE:
- 13 | Q. Can you see this, Mr. Dawkins?
- 14 | A. Yes.
- 15 | Q. Okay. Now Code says:
- "Okay. Then that's what we should do. We should come
- 17 | up for a Nix -- N-i-x -- game or some shit and have him come
- 18 get backstage and meet Mellow and Porzingis and just shit like
- 19 | that."
- 20 Do you see that?
- 21 A. I do.
- 22 | Q. The New York Knicks is spelled N-i-x?
- 23 A. I get that.
- 24 | Q. And your understanding that Carmelo Anthony was a player
- 25 | for the New York Knicks, right?

- 1 | A. Yes.
- 2 | Q. And his last name is not spelled M-e-1-1-o-w, right?
- 3 A. Well, his first name would be the Mellow; but yes.
- 4 | Q. Fair enough. But the Carmelo part wasn't spelled --
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 | Q. The Mellow part or the Carmelo wasn't spelled --
- 7 | A. Yes.
- 8 | Q. Thank you. Now, switching gears a little bit. I now want
- 9 | to focus on the meetings that occurred in Vegas.
- 10 | A. Okay.
- 11 | Q. Now, you testified, I think, multiple times that you
- 12 | essentially held a bunch of sort of fake meetings in Vegas; is
- 13 | that fair to say?
- 14 A. I wouldn't call them fake.
- 15 | Q. Well, meetings in which you acted like you were going to
- 16 | fund coaches?
- 17 | A. Correct.
- 18 | Q. Okay. And in reality, I think you testified that you
- 19 | weren't going to fund coaches because that's just not what you
- 20 | wanted to do, right?
- 21 \parallel A. Exactly.
- 22 | Q. Okay. Now, one of the people who you met with while you
- 23 were in Vegas was Preston Murphy, right?
- 24 | A. Yes.
- 25 | Q. And you testified about the fact that Preston Murphy came

- 1 | to the hotel suite where Marty Blazer and Jeff, the undercover,
- 2 were, right?
- 3 | A. Yes.
- 4 | Q. And this was, again, part of those meetings where you were
- 5 going to pretend to be funding college coaches, right?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 | Q. Okay. And you talked about on your direct testimony the
- 8 | fact that you -- during that particular meeting, the Preston
- 9 | Murphy meeting, there's a mention of a great player named
- 10 | Marcus Phillips, right?
- 11 | A. Correct.
- 12 | Q. And I think your attorney asked you about some things you
- 13 | said. You said Phillip was a potential NBA player --
- 14 \parallel A. I didn't say that.
- 15 | Q. Murphy said Phillip was a potential NBA player?
- 16 A. Right.
- 17 | Q. And basically had high potential to be a good NBA player;
- 18 | is that fair?
- 19 | A. Fair.
- 20 | Q. Okay. And then you testified and told the jury that this
- 21 | Marcus Phillips player didn't actually exist, right?
- 22 A. There was no Marcus Phillips that ever played at Creighton,
- 23 | no.
- 24 | Q. No Marcus Phillips.
- 25 And you said that you and Preston Murphy made this

- 1 | name up, right?
- 2 A. Right.
- 3 | Q. And you said that, although on the video it shows you
- 4 | handing Preston \$6,000, later he gave the money back to you,
- 5 | right?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. I think you said you went down to the lobby or something,
- 8 | the bathroom --
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 | Q. And your attorney asked, and you confirmed, that you and
- 11 | Preston Murphy laughed about sort of this whole situation,
- 12 | right?
- 13 | A. Yes.
- 14 | Q. The situation being that you had said there is this great
- 15 | player named Marcus Phillips to Jeff and Marty, and you both
- 16 knew there was no player named Marcus Phillips at Creighton,
- 17 | right?
- 18 A. There is no player named Marcus Phillips, no.
- 19 | Q. Right. And you talked about in your testimony how Preston
- 20 | had asked you essentially if he could use sort of any name in
- 21 | this meeting.
- 22 Do you recall saying that?
- 23 A. I don't recall saying that. But I remember talking about
- 24 prepping before the meeting, yes.
- 25 | Q. Okay. And you recall, in sum and substance, sort of

- 1 generally speaking, that in that prep meeting, you basically
- 2 | told him, it's okay to use any name --
- 3 A. I told him to say whatever, let's just get in and get out.
- 4 Q. Right. And that's basically what happened, right?
- 5 A. Right.

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- Q. Okay. Now, if we could play and not put up a transcript of the audio for Grand Jury Exhibit 526B.
 - (Audio played)
- 9 MR. BOONE: Sorry. If we can play that again. If we 10 could actually go back and sort of hear the part where a 11 player's name is mentioned.
- 12 (Audio played)
- 13 BY MR. BOONE:
- Q. Now, it is your understanding that there's a player -- or

there was a player on Creighton's team named Marcus Foster?

- 16 A. There was a Marcus Foster, yes.
- 17 | Q. Marcus Foster, correct?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 | Q. And he was a senior on the team in the years 2017 to 2018?
- 20 | A. I stopped following after you guys arrested me.
- 21 | Q. So you don't know?
- 22 A. I don't know.
- 23 | Q. Okay. Now, if we could stay with the Vegas meetings. And
- 24 | you testified earlier that Jeff D'Angelo gave you \$25,000 on
- 25 | August 1st, 2017. Do you recall saying that?

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- 1 A. I seen the bank deposit. I'm assuming -- it wasn't Jeff.
- 2 | It was probably Jill at that point. I know 25,000 was
- 3 deposited, yes.
- 4 | Q. Okay. So, let me -- you testified earlier that one of the
- 5 undercovers gave you \$25,000 on August 1st; is that correct?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 | Q. Okay. And you safe-deposited that money, right?
- 8 | A. No. The \$25,000 was deposited by someone else. I didn't
- 9 have \$25,000 to deposit, I'm almost certain.
- 10 | Q. Well, let me ask you this. \$25,000 was given from one of
- 11 | the other undercovers, right?
- 12 | A. Let me be clear. Are you asking the August 1st, 25,000, or
- 13 | the 25,000 total?
- 14 | Q. Correct.
- 15 A. We're on the same page. Ask your question now, please.
- 16 | Q. Sorry. So, did one of the undercovers, either Jeff,
- 17 | D'Angelo, or Jill Bailey, give you the \$25,000 on August 1st?
- 18 A. It had to be Jeff, Jill or Munish. I didn't have \$25,000
- 19 on me.
- 20 | Q. Do you recall your testimony being that Jeff gave you
- 21 | \$25,000?
- 22 A. I do not recall my testimony, but I know it had to be one
- 23 of the undercovers or Munish.
- 24 \parallel Q. I'm just asking do you recall your testimony being that
- 25 | Jeff gave you \$25,000; yes or no?

- 1 BY MR. BOONE:
- 2 | Q. You testified that in Vegas you met with several coaches,
- 3 || right?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 | Q. You met with Tony Bland, right?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 \mathbb{Q} . And you said you gave him \$13,000?
- 8 A. I did not say that.
- 9 Q. You testified -- your testimony is that you did not testify
- 10 | that you gave him \$13,000?
- 11 $\mid A$. I told I did not give him 13,000.
- 12 | Q. Let me rephrase it. I understand you're denying that you
- 13 gave him the money, and all that. Let me ask you differently.
- 14 MR. HANEY: Objection to the form of that question.
- THE COURT: He hasn't asked it yet.
- 16 | Q. You watched Marty Blazer's testimony, right?
- 17 | A. Yes.
- 18 | Q. OK. And you saw us go over multiple videos regarding the
- 19 | Vegas meetings, right?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 | Q. And you saw us go over some transcripts related to those
- 22 | meetings, right?
- 23 | A. Yes.
- 24 | Q. And you saw Marty Blazer testify that Tony Bland got
- 25 | \$13,000, right?

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- 1 A. He did say that, yes.
- 2 | Q. Now, Preston Murphy, you recall him, right?
- 3 | A. Uh-huh.
- 4 | Q. And to be clear -- let me move on to Preston Murphy. We'll
- 5 | get back to Bland.
- 6 Preston Murphy is another coach you met with in Vegas,
- 7 | right?
- 8 A. Uh-huh.
- 9 Q. Another coach who the government claims you gave \$6,000 to?
- 10 | A. Uh-huh.
- 11 | Q. Obviously, you disagree with that, right?
- 12 | A. Uh-huh.
- 13 | Q. And you gave another \$6,000 to Corey Barker, correct -- let
- 14 | me rephrase that.
- The government claims you gave another \$6,000 to Corey
- 16 | Barker, correct?
- 17 | A. Yes.
- 18 | Q. Your testimony is that you gave the money back. Is that a
- 19 | fair statement?
- 20 | A. Uh-huh.
- 21 | Q. That \$13,000, \$6,000, and another \$6,000, does that equal
- 22 | \$25,000?
- 23 | A. Uh-huh.
- 24 Q. OK.
- 25 | A. The \$25,000 --

- 1 | Q. I'm just asking you --
- 2 | A. Yes.
- 3 | Q. -- if the numbers 13,000 --
- 4 A. Correct.
- $5 \parallel 0. -- 6,000 \text{ and } 6,000 \text{ equal } 25,000$?
- 6 A. It does.
- 7 | Q. Now, what you did not testify to when you were on direct
- 8 | was the fact that \$13,000 was given to Brad Augustine, right?
- 9 | A. I don't --
- 10 | Q. I'm asking if you testified to that.
- 11 | A. No, no.
- 12 | Q. You did not testify to the fact that Lamont Evans received
- 13 | \$14,500 in Vegas, right? You didn't talk about that?
- 14 | A. No, I didn't.
- 15 | Q. Now, you testified that, essentially, the \$25,000 you had
- 16 | received from the undercover went to pay the coaches we just
- 17 | talked about, Bland, Murphy, and Barker, correct?
- 18 A. Repeat the question.
- 19 \parallel Q. The \$25,000 that you received on August 1 --
- 20 | A. Uh-huh.
- 21 | Q. -- so we're dealing with --
- 22 A. No, no. The August 1 payment is a payment independent of
- 23 \parallel the thirteen, six, and six in July.
- 24 \parallel Q. Would it help if I refreshed your recollection from the
- 25 | transcript from when you testified?

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- 20 No. My recollection was --
- 21 Q. Just yes or no.
- 22 Now, if we could -- now, you testified that
- 23 Loyd's bank records showed a deposit of \$25,000 on August 1.
- 24 Do you recall saying that?
- 25 Α. Yes.

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- 1 | Q. And you recall saying that Jeff had, and this is a quote,
- 2 | "Jeff had, you know, expressed that he wanted to pay coaches"?
- 3 | You recall saying that?
- 4 A. Repeat it.
- 5 | Q. "Jeff had, you know, expressed that he wanted to pay
- 6 | coaches"?
- 7 A. You're saying that I said that Jeff wanted to pay coaches?
- 8 | Q. I'm saying you said this specific quote. Do you recall
- 9 saying the specific words, "Jeff, you know, expressed that he
- 10 wanted to pay coaches"?
- 11 A. OK. I got you, yes.
- 12 | Q. OK. Same thing for this next question. You recall saying
- 13 | that, "I wasn't so sure that he was going to actually give me
- 14 | the money"? Do you recall saying that?
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 | Q. You recall saying, "So for protection, I set up three
- 17 | meetings where money would be transferred"? Do you recall
- 18 | saying that?
- 19 A. Yes. You said transfer. I'm saying from the coaches back
- 20 | to me, correct, or bank transfers?
- 21 | Q. I'm literally quoting from the transcripts.
- 22 A. So that's my words, yeah.
- 23 | Q. Yes, these are your words.
- 24 A. OK.
- 25 | Q. There is also a quote from you, let me know if you remember

- Q. Now, do you recall being asked by your attorney when you were on direct examination the following: "Based on what we've seen from these bank records, the dates the government showed the coaches getting paid and the amounts corresponding, do you have any other explanation how you would have deposited that money" -- "that amount of money," excuse me, "in a bank at the end of July of 2017 in August?" It ends there.
- Do you recall your attorney asking you that question?
- 18 | A. Yes.

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- 19 | Q. Do you recall your answer saying, "No"?
- 20 A. That was my answer?
- 21 Q. Yes.
- 22 A. OK. Yeah.
- Q. I'll go on. There's another quote. You say, "No, every dollar." And later on you went to say, "Everything that was deposited was given to me from the government."

- 1 You recall saying that?
- 2 | A. Yes.
- 3 | Q. Now, if we could take a look at Government Exhibit 1401C.
- 4 Now, first, just to orient ourselves, this is a
- 5 bank -- these are bank account statements from Loyd
- 6 | Management's bank account?
- 7 | A. Yes.
- 8 | Q. Says "Loyd" right on front, right?
- 9 | A. Uh-huh.
- 10 | Q. Now, if we could take a look at page -- the Bates stamp
- 11 | ends in the numbers 22578.
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 | Q. If we could highlight the August 1 entry.
- 14 | A. Uh-huh.
- 15 | Q. OK. So this says, August 1, 2017, counter credit in the
- 16 amount of \$25,000. Do you see that?
- 17 | A. I do.
- 18 | Q. Now, if we could take a look at Government Exhibit 1401E,
- 19 | and I'm looking -- so the record's clear, it ends in Bates
- 20 stamp No. 22618. Do you see that on your screen?
- 21 A. Uh-huh.
- 22 | Q. This is a check made payable to Loyd, right?
- 23 A. OK.
- 24 | Q. And it's in the amount of \$25,000, right?
- 25 | A. Uh-huh.

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- 1 | Q. And it's dated August 1, 2017, right?
- 2 A. Correct.
- 3 | Q. And it's for consulting fees, it says, right?
- 4 | A. Uh-huh.
- 5 | Q. And it is signed by Ricky Roberts, is that correct?
- 6 A. I can't call -- yeah, I guess that's him.
- 7 | Q. It's not signed by Jeff D'Angelo, right?
- 8 | A. No.
- 9 | Q. It's not signed by Jill Bailey?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 | Q. It's not signed by Marty Blazer?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 | Q. It's not -- now let me ask you this: You testified
- 14 | earlier, I think, correct me, that you weren't sure if you
- 15 | actually deposited the check or not, right?
- 16 A. Which check?
- 17 | Q. The \$25,000 you said you received --
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 | Q. -- right?
- 20 Merl Code deposited that check, right?
- 21 A. Say that again.
- 22 Q. Merl Code deposited this check we're looking at right here,
- 23 correct?
- MR. HANEY: Objection, your Honor. Foundation.
- 25 THE COURT: Overruled.

- 1 | A. How would I know?
- 2 | Q. I'm just asking. Yes or no?
- 3 A. You said it was signed by Ricky Roberts, so I don't know.
- 4 Q. I'm asking who deposited this into the Loyd bank account.
- 5 Did Merl Code deposit this check into Loyd bank account?
- 6 | A. I didn't --
- 7 \mathbb{Q} . Yes or no?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 | Q. Is it no or I don't know?
- 10 | A. I don't know.
- 11 | Q. Do you know the name Ricky Robertson? You've heard that
- 12 | name before?
- 13 | A. Yes.
- 14 | Q. Ricky Robertson doesn't work for the FBI, right?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 | Q. He doesn't work for the U.S. Attorney's Office?
- 17 | A. No.
- 18 | Q. He is a grassroots basketball coach, correct?
- 19 | A. Yes.
- 20 | Q. Coached a team called Carolina Chaos, right?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 | Q. And Carolina Chaos -- let me -- withdrawn.
- Is it your understanding that the bank account of
- 24 | Carolina Chaos was used in the Brian Bowen --
- 25 | A. It was.

- 1 | Q. -- situation?
- 2 | A. Yes.
- 3 | Q. And that's what led to your previous conviction?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. OK. Now let's go back to the bank account statements.
- 6 | That's Government Exhibit 1401C.
- 7 And if we could go back to the same page we were on
- 8 | before, ends in Bates stamp numbers 22578. If we could
- 9 | highlight the second line that's the August 3, 2017, line.
- 10 Now, this is a counter credit of \$8,000 into the Loyd
- 11 | bank account, right?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 | Q. Now, if we could take a look at Government Exhibit 1401E,
- 14 | and specifically the page that ends in Bates stamp 22618.
- 15 | Sorry, 22622.
- 16 This is a check, right?
- 17 | A. Uh-huh.
- 18 | Q. It's for \$8,000, right?
- 19 | A. Correct.
- 20 | Q. It's dated August 3, 2017, right?
- 21 | A. Yeah.
- 22 | Q. It's made out to Loyd Inc., right?
- 23 | A. Uh-huh.
- 24 | Q. And it's from the Princeton Advisory Group in Princeton,
- 25 New Jersey, right?

- 1 A. Correct.
- 2 | Q. That's not the FBI, right?
- 3 | A. No.
- 4 | Q. That's not the U.S. Attorney's Office, right?
- 5 | A. No.
- 6 | Q. And that was deposited into the bank account of Loyd Inc.,
- 7 | correct?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. You testified earlier that every money you got that went
- 10 | into Loyd Inc. came from the government?
- 11 A. When the government --
- 12 Q. Yes or no?
- MR. HANEY: Your Honor, I'll object.
- 14 A. Princeton is Munish's company.
- 15 | THE COURT: Stop talking, everyone.
- 16 The objection's overruled.
- 17 MR. HANEY: Thank you.
- 18 Q. Let me ask my question again.
- Did you testify earlier that all the money you
- 20 | received that went into the Loyd bank account came from the
- 21 government, the government being the undercover agents we've
- 22 | talked about extensively, Jeff D'Angelo, Jill Bailey?
- MR. MOORE: Your Honor, could we approach for a
- 24 | moment, please?
- 25 THE COURT: Sure.

1 (At sidebar)

2 MR. HANEY: Wait for him or --

THE COURT: No, let's just start.

MR. HANEY: Your Honor, they're mischaracterizing --

THE COURT: I was kidding.

MR. MOORE: You don't have your friends yet.

MR. HANEY: I'm sorry. Your Honor, it's mischaracterization of the testimony. And the deposit that they're showing is from Munish Sood who's part of Loyd Management, and he's depositing money from Princeton Advisory Group into an account. It was a mischaracterization of what was testified to.

MR. BOONE: It's certainly not a misrepresentation.

Munish Sood was not cooperating with the government, he did not work for the FBI, he does not work for the U.S. Attorney's

Office on August 3, 2017. His testimony — we can pull out the transcript so we can be 100 percent accurate — was that every money he got into Loyd was from the government. Munish Sood is unequivocally not part of the government on August 3, 2017. It was a false statement.

MR. MOORE: First of all, it may have been an unclear question. First of all, we don't have the transcript. That's why we're operating at a bit of a disadvantage. I'm just saying I would ask Mr. Boone before he asks such a direct question to show us in the transcript what question he's

- plain English here and ask my questions slowly, and if you can, respond slowly as well so the jury can understand, please.
- 17 | A. OK.
- 18 Q. Isn't it true that the only occasion that you ever provided
- 19 Lamont Evans with any money was when you were employed at ASM?
- 20 A. Correct.
- Q. There was no occasion other than that that you ever provided Lamont Evans with money, fair to say?
- 23 | A. Never.
- Q. Any money that you ever gave Lamont Evans at any point in time was at the direction of your boss at ASM, Andy Miller, is

- 1 | that right?
- 2 A. Correct.
- 3 | Q. You've testified now several times that the amount was
- 4 | around \$2,500. Is that a fair statement?
- 5 | A. It was 2500.
- 6 Q. The only reason that you gave Lamont Evans that \$2,500 back
- 7 | in 2016 was to help a kid named PJ Dozier, is that right?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 | Q. I say a kid, but he was a college basketball player at
- 10 | South Carolina at the time, right?
- 11 | A. Correct.
- 12 | Q. A kid whose family needed financial assistance, is that
- 13 | right?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 | Q. A kid that you know didn't have money, right?
- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 | Q. A kid that you knew was on campus getting situated and
- 18 needed the things that all kids need on campus to get situated,
- 19 | right?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 Q. Like microwaves, right?
- 22 A. Correct.
- 23 | Q. Like clothes, right?
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 MR. BOONE: Objection.

- at the University of South Carolina, you never paid Lamont
- 22 Evans another penny, did you?
- 23 A. Never.
- 24 Q. Even the government's own cooperating witness Marty Blazer,
- he testified he never saw you on any occasion give Lamont Evans 25

- 1 | any money, isn't that right?
- 2 MR. BOONE: Objection.
- 3 | A. He never did.
- 4 THE COURT: Overruled.
- $5 \parallel A$. He never did. He also testified that he never --
- 6 MR. BOONE: Objection.
- 7 | THE COURT: Sustained.
- 8 Q. In fact, from the testimony from Mr. Blazer that you
- 9 | recall, not to ask you what he said, between March of 2016 and
- 10 | March of 2017, you never even talked to Lamont Evans again, did
- 11 | you?
- 12 | A. No, very rarely, if any.
- 13 | Q. You also testified that around that time, you knew that
- 14 | Lamont Evans also had his hand out to other agents, isn't that
- 15 | correct?
- 16 | A. Yes.
- 17 | Q. Including a guy by the name of Seth Cohen down in Florida,
- 18 | right?
- 19 | A. Yes.
- 20 | Q. Another basketball agent?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 | Q. And you understood that Seth Cohen had given Lamont Evans
- 23 | \$13,000, is that right?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 | Q. So any money, or gratuity as the government is going to

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- 19 Now, the government just went through a bunch of
- transcripts reflecting a meeting that occurred in March of 2016 20
- 21 back in South Carolina. Do you recall that?
- 22 They did. Α.
- 23 You remember that meeting, right?
- 24 Α. Yes.
- 25 Mr. Boone said it was a buddy meeting; isn't that what he

Q. You realized Marty Blazer wasn't a very smart guy pretty fast, didn't you?

MR. BOONE: Objection.

THE COURT: Sustained.

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Q. But during that meeting, the government spent a lot of time

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- Sood and Marty Blazer on the buddy trip, as Mr. Boone said, to introduce these two guys to Lamont Evans?
- A. We no longer wanted to invest into the situation, and at that point, Marty wanted to get into the financial services of pro basketball players. I introduced him to Lamont Evans as

- 1 going to be?
- 2 A. Correct.
- 3 MR. BOONE: Objection.
- 4 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 5 | Q. They might get on campus and be a five star. What's a
- 6 | five-star basketball player?
- 7 A. Five-star recruit is the most elite-level basketball
- 8 | recruit coming out of high school.
- 9 Q. And that's projected by guys who rate and rank kids in AAU
- 10 | tournaments, correct?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 | Q. The guys that got the backpacks on. Probably never play
- 13 | basketball before, right?
- 14 | A. Right.
- 15 | Q. Often they're wrong about it, aren't they?
- 16 A. Sometimes. I give them a little more credit.
- 17 | Q. More than I do.
- But PJ Dozier apparently wasn't panning out, as they
- 19 | say in the basketball business, right?
- 20 A. No. His freshman year, he had adjustments he had to make.
- 21 | He wasn't looking like a one and done at that point.
- 22 | Q. And you guys were a big-time sports agency, correct?
- 23 A. At that point, yes.
- 24 | Q. One of the biggest in basketball?
- 25 | A. Yes.

- Q. You guys didn't want to associate with kids that were going to be second-round draft picks, correct?
- 3 A. It wasn't ideal. And at that point in the meeting, it was
- 4 | March, the season was over. We kind of had seen what he had
- 5 done, and it was not a worthwhile investment at that point.
- 6 Q. So you wanted to pass PJ Dozier off onto Marty Blazer and
- 7 | Munish Sood, correct?
- 8 A. Yes. I didn't want to -- yeah, I didn't want to do it
- 9 anymore, or neither did Andy.
- 10 | Q. And none of this money you ever gave anybody at ASM was
- 11 | your money, was it?
- 12 | A. I didn't have no money to give nobody, so no.
- 13 | Q. But Andy Miller wanted to make sure you were having those
- 14 | meetings, not him, correct?
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 Q. The reason he did that was so he wouldn't be sitting over
- 17 | there?
- 18 MR. BOONE: Objection.
- 19 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 20 | Q. Apparently, Marty Blazer and Munish Sood, they bought your
- 21 | pitch, didn't they?
- 22 A. They I assume --
- MR. BOONE: Objection.
- 24 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 25 \parallel Q. Did Marty Blazer and Munish Sood end up taking over the

- 1 | responsibilities of Lamont Evans?
- 2 A. I know now that Marty Blazer did pay. I didn't at that
- 3 | time. I left the situation alone.
- 4 | Q. Now, Mr. Boone got into the issue of what are called one
- 5 | and dones, is that right?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 | Q. He made the suggestion that the college coaches apparently
- 8 | have a lot of contact with high school players before they get
- 9 | to college, didn't he?
- 10 A. Yes, he made that point.
- 11 | Q. You know that's not true, don't you, Mr. Dawkins?
- 12 | A. It's not as --
- 13 MR. BOONE: Objection.
- 14 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 15 A. It's nowhere how Mr. Boone tried to make it.
- 16 | Q. Well, we're going to have you educate the government for a
- 17 | moment, if we can. Hold on.
- 18 MR. BOONE: Objection.
- 19 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 20 | Q. I'll ask you a question. You familiar with the recruiting
- 21 | calendar?
- 22 | A. Yes, I am.
- 23 | Q. You familiar with the no-contact period?
- 24 | A. Yes, I am.
- 25 \parallel Q. Are you familiar with only making one phone call a week?

- $1 \parallel A$. Yes, I am.
- 2 Q. You familiar with only being able to text at a certain
- 3 | time?
- 4 | A. Yes, I am.
- 5 | Q. Why don't you educate -- or why don't you tell us why
- 6 college coaches don't have access to high school kids when
- 7 | they're playing high school basketball.
- 8 | A. So the NCAA rules essentially restrict contact between
- 9 coaches, college coaches, and the actual student athletes and
- 10 | their families. I'm pretty sure their families too. Mr. Boone
- 11 was trying to say that --
- 12 MR. BOONE: Objection.
- 13 | THE COURT: Sustained.
- 14 A. OK. I'm sorry. There was some kind of idea that the
- 15 coaches have this great relationship, but in reality, they can
- 16 | make maybe one phone call a month at a certain age. As they
- 17 get older, to the senior year, it picks up a little bit, but
- 18 under no circumstances college coaches can just go to a high
- 19 school and just hang out with a player and his family. It just
- 20 doesn't happen that way. The relationship, as I've said over
- 21 | and over, is with a youth coach, a parent, or some kind of
- 22 | handler or mentor.
- 23 | Q. Isn't it true there's even restrictions on if they can call
- 24 | kids in high school?
- 25 A. Yes. At a certain point, they can't call at all. As they

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- 2.3 MR. BOONE: Objection.
- 24 THE COURT: Overruled.
 - Yes, that's true, college coaches cannot speak to any

- 1 player or parents at events at all.
- 2 | Q. Isn't that why you've testified that when a kid gets on a
- 3 | college campus, he has a very limited relationship with these
- 4 | guys; the NCAA does not want them around for their high school
- 5 | careers, correct?
- 6 A. Correct, that was the reason.
- 7 Q. Then when they get to the college campus, would you agree
- 8 | with me they're only there for a few months?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 | Q. You were being kind yesterday when you said that Kentucky
- 11 | was going to make it all the way to the Final Four and perhaps
- 12 | be done playing in early April, weren't you?
- 13 | A. Yes.
- 14 MR. BOONE: Objection.
- 15 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 16 | Q. Isn't it true that a school could get knocked out of the
- 17 | conference tournament, right?
- 18 | A. A school could get knocked out conference tournament or not
- 19 even make it to post-season play at all.
- 20 | Q. Isn't it true these kids may not even be on campus until
- 21 | February?
- 22 A. Some instances, late January, you're done.
- 23 \parallel Q. In your experience, the top players, they just drop out of
- 24 school anyway?
- 25 A. Yes. Usually once you're done your last game, you don't

- 1 | take any more classes. You just have to --
- 2 | Q. So it's not a one and done, it's a semester and done on
- 3 | certain occasions, isn't it?
- 4 A. That is correct.
- 5 Q. A semester being maybe three or four months?
- 6 A. I didn't go to college, but I would assume, yes.
- 7 | Q. That's why you would also assume that it doesn't make a lot
- 8 | of sense to pay coaches that could only be around a kid for
- 9 | three months, fair to say?
- 10 A. Absolutely.
- 11 | Q. That's why you tried to talk Jeff D'Angelo out of that,
- 12 | didn't you, on June 28?
- 13 A. That is correct.
- 14 \parallel Q. But he wasn't having it, was he?
- 15 \parallel A. He was not.
- 16 | Q. In fact, he told you that I'm funding you, staying out of
- 17 | your way, but you're going to do that; isn't that what he said?
- 18 MR. BOONE: Objection.
- 19 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 20 | Q. What did you take it to mean -- what was your understanding
- 21 of what Jeff D'Angelo meant when he said, I'm funding you, but
- 22 | you're going to do that?
- MR. BOONE: Objection. Misstates.
- 24 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 25 \parallel Q. Do you recall on that occasion on that phone call on

- 1 | June 28 Jeff D'Angelo telling you that he was funding you?
- 2 | A. I do.
- 3 \parallel Q. Do you recall on that occasion or that phone call on
- 4 | June 28 him saying you're going to do that?
- 5 | A. I do.
- 6 | Q. What did you understand that to mean?
- 7 A. I was under --
- 8 MR. BOONE: Objection. Vague.
- 9 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 10 A. I was under the impression that Jeff had this idea of how
- 11 | the company should be run. He was the one funding it. He had
- 12 | his side of the business, which was, in his mind, the coaches,
- 13 | and he was going to do it. And if I didn't introduce him to
- 14 people, everything was going to be over.
- 15 | Q. And the jury's going to get to listen to that phone call if
- 16 | they choose during deliberations.
- Is it fair for me to say you spent a long time on that
- 18 phone call trying to talk him out of the coaches' model?
- 19 A. Yes, I over and over -- and not just that, when it was
- 20 | previous --
- 21 MR. BOONE: Objection.
- 22 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 23 | Q. Isn't it true that you told him on that call that the
- 24 coaches' model was given to him?
- 25 A. Yes.

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- 1 | Q. And you understand it was given to him by the FBI
- 2 | undercover Marty Blazer, isn't that right?
- 3 \parallel A. I was under the impression of that, yes.
- 4 | Q. Really now you understand this whole coaches' model was the
- 5 basis of this bribery case, right?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 MR. BOONE: Objection.
- 8 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 9 MR. BOONE: Ask that the statement be stricken.
- 10 THE COURT: Stricken.
- 11 | Q. Is it fair for me to say that when you were talking to Jeff
- 12 | D'Angelo, you could hear almost a panic in his voice?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 | Q. Is it fair for me to say that Jeff D'Angelo at that point
- 15 | realized this kid ain't going to pay these coaches?
- MR. BOONE: Objection.
- 17 | THE COURT: Sustained.
- 18 | Q. But you were the majority shareholder, weren't you,
- 19 | Christian?
- 20 | A. I was.
- 21 | Q. They told you you were, right?
- 22 A. That's what they told me.
- 23 | Q. On that boat, on that yacht that day?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 \parallel Q. And they gave you the impression that you were going to be

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- 21 A. No.
- 22 MR. BOONE: Objection.
- 23 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 24 But we do know that on that very day when you felt that 25 Jeff D'Angelo was telling you you were getting cut off, you

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Now, can you offer any other interpretation of what "I'm

2 MR. BOONE: Objection.

3 | THE COURT: Sustained.

- Q. Isn't it true in that same phone call you told Merl Code that you tried to tell Jeff D'Angelo multiple times the model
- 6 | didn't make sense?
 - A. I did.

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- 8 | Q. You told Merl Code, he won't listen to me, right?
- 9 | A. I did.
- 10 Q. Then you told Merl Code, you know what? If he's not going
- 11 | to listen to me, I'm going to take his money, didn't you?
- 12 | A. I did.
- 13 MR. BOONE: Objection.
- 14 | THE COURT: Sustained.
- 15 | Q. Now, you had no idea that Jeff D'Angelo at that point was
- 16 | an FBI agent, did you?
- 17 | A. I did not.
- 18 | Q. Now, there's been talk about the coaches out in Las Vegas,
- 19 how some were paid and some were not, right?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 \parallel Q. We saw Marty Blazer take the stand under oath and tell the
- 22 | jury that the coaches who didn't get paid were the guys who
- 23 | didn't have players at their school. Isn't that what he said?
- 24 | A. He did.
- 25 \parallel Q. Would you agree with me that that is a ridiculous

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Do you know why that money was transferred to Loyd

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What was your understanding of why Brian Bowen was paid

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- 21 And how long have you known the Bowen family?
- 22 Α. Since I was a child.
- 23 Just so it's clear, you didn't give that money to Brian
- 24 Bowen's dad, did you?
- 25 Α. No.

- 1 MR. HANEY: Just a moment, your Honor. I'm sorry.
- 2 | Q. Mr. Dawkins, you've never had a client of your own, have
- 3 you?
- 4 | A. No.
- 5 | Q. You've never had the ability to take in money from any NBA
- 6 player directly, correct?
- 7 | A. No.
- 8 | Q. There's allegations that you influenced or caused money to
- 9 | be paid to Book Richardson from Arizona to influence him to
- 10 | steer players to you or Loyd Management, isn't that right?
- 11 A. Yes, there are allegations.
- 12 | Q. Book Richardson was your friend, correct?
- 13 | A. He was.
- 14 | Q. And --
- 15 A. He is.
- 16 | Q. When you were at ASM, you never did that, did you?
- 17 | A. Never.
- 18 | Q. You wanted to impress your bosses at ASM, right?
- 19 MR. BOONE: Objection.
- 20 | THE COURT: Sustained.
- 21 | Q. Wasn't the goal at ASM to sign future NBA players?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 | Q. And wouldn't you agree, Arizona had a lot of NBA players?
- $24 \parallel A$. They did.
- 25 | Q. And Book Richardson was coaching at Arizona, right?

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- 20 You weren't there?
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- 22 But we do know on the cab ride over to that meeting, you 23 told Book Richardson what the play was going to be?
- 24 MR. BOONE: Objection.
- 25 THE COURT: Sustained.

1 (At sidebar)

MR. MOORE: During the cross-examination by Mr. Boone,
Mr. Boone asked him repeated questions about whether he, him
being Mr. Dawkins, about whether he was convicted of fraud.

And he asked that question multiple times, and he used the word

"lie" multiple times. Not my -- I don't know that I felt like
I could object to that, but there is some law that says that
the conviction itself is admissible, sometimes the underlying
evidence surrounding it is not, but I will also say that that
conviction is on appeal. The rule permits the use of a
conviction which is on appeal to be inquired of, but it also
requires -- allows the Court to inquire on the fact that the
case is on appeal.

So I simply want to ask him those questions, and I want to ask him -- and I want to ask him this further question.

THE COURT: When you say "those questions," that's a question.

MR. MOORE: So what I would like to say is:

Mr. Dawkins, Mr. Boone asked you a number of questions about
your conviction in this court, correct?

You're appealing that conviction, is that not correct?

Mr. Boone asked you a number of questions about

whether that offense involved fraud and lying, correct?

Do you believe that you committed any fraud or lied in any way?

And he can answer the question. Then my final question is going to be: And are you appealing that conviction because you do not believe that you defrauded the University of Louisville in any way?

Those are the questions I want to ask him. I know those might draw an objection, so I'm asking the Court for a ruling on them.

MR. BOONE: Yeah, I think all of those questions have already been asked and answered. I think Mr. Haney himself brought out the fact that he was appealing his conviction from the Brian Bowen situation. It's already in the record. To the extent that he asked questions that -- I'm forgetting all of them, but I -- although one of them was sort of, Did you agree with the decision or did you have some issue with it? I think he said very clearly he did disagree with it and didn't accept that he was guilty of those crimes.

THE COURT: You want to ask those four questions?

MR. MOORE: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: I'll let you ask those four questions.

MR. MOORE: OK. And part of my reasoning is that the government has tried to bootstrap Mr. Code into this by asking questions about Loyd Inc. and Loyd Management, etc. So I appreciate that. Those are going to be the majority of my questions. I may have several other questions that I don't think are as objectionable.

- 1 | BY MR. MOORE:
- 2 | Q. And you do not agree that you defrauded the University of
- 3 | Louisville in any way by paying Brian Bowen, correct?
- 4 | A. I do not.
- 5 | Q. And I guess your decision about that conviction will be
- 6 | made by the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, correct?
- 7 A. That's my understanding.
- 8 | Q. Okay. You didn't testify in the case, did you?
- 9 A. I did not.
- 10 Q. Now, Mr. Boone also asked you about these bank records,
- 11 | okay?
- 12 | A. Uh-huh.
- 13 | Q. And I'm going to ask you a question. If you don't
- 14 | understand it, or if the answer is not yes or no, if you feel
- 15 | like you need to explain, you answer the question the way you
- 16 | need to answer it.
- 17 | A. Okay.
- 18 Q. Okay, Mr. Dawkins?
- 19 | A. Okay.
- 20 | Q. It goes: Do you recall this question being posed to you:
- Based on what we've seen from these bank records, the
- 22 dates the government showed the coaches getting paid and the
- 23 amounts corresponding, do you have any other explanation how
- 24 | you would have deposited that amount of money in a bank at the
- 25 | end of July of 2017?

- A. Yes, I recall the question.
- 2 | Q. Okay. All right. And --

3 MR. BOONE: Objection.

THE COURT: Overruled.

5 Q. I believe there was an objection, and that was sustained.

And then the next question was: Did you have any sources of income that would explain these deposits into your bank account on that day?

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- Q. All right. And so, when you told this jury that you did not have any other sources of income, you personally, to make those deposits, were you telling them the truth?
- 13 MR. BOONE: Objection.
- 14 THE COURT: Sustained.
- MR. BOONE: Ask that the answer be stricken.
- 16 THE COURT: It will be stricken.
- 17 | BY MR. MOORE:
- 18 Q. Now, Mr. Boone asked you a couple questions about a couple of items that went into that account, okay?
- 20 | A. Uh-huh.
- Q. Did you have anything to do with Munish Sood putting money into that account, Mr. Dawkins?
- MR. BOONE: Objection.
- 24 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 25 | BY MR. MOORE:

JGaseAM57-cr-00684-ER Document 268 s File R 06 05 05 Page 172 of 191 1576 1 And Mr. Boone also asked you a question about a deposit by 2 a man -- or a check by a man he called Ricky Roberts, but who 3 was, in fact, Ricky Robinson. 4 Did you have anything to do with that? 5 A. No. MR. BOONE: Objection. 6 7 THE COURT: Sustained. 8 MR. BOONE: Ask that the answer be stricken from the 9 record, your Honor. 10 THE COURT: It will be stricken. 11 BY MR. MOORE: 12 Now, with respect to this question about Marcus Foster, are 13 you aware that Marcus Foster played at Creighton and was not 14 drafted and does not play in the NBA? 15 A. I am. 16 Marcus Foster, is it fair to say, would not have been a 17 player that you would have been interested in representing, 18 correct? 19 MR. BOONE: Objection. 20 THE COURT: Sustained. 21 MR. BOONE: Ask that the answer be stricken. 22 THE COURT: It will be stricken. 23 BY MR. MOORE: 24 Do you know anybody named Marcus Phillips who was in --25 MR. BOONE: Objection.

JGaseAM57-cr-00684-ER Document/268:sFile@66605\$19 Page 174 of 191 1578 This is Dawkins speaking. We'll start with line three. 1 2 This is the bottom line: "I was giving Lamont resources prior 3 to knowing you guys. 4 D'Angelo says: "Yeah." 5 Dawkins: "Shit didn't get done. I've helped Lamont 6 with numerous things. And he got a kid right now that I want. 7 I think that if --" D'Angelo asks: Who's the kid? 8 9 You respond: "The kid's name is Jeffrey Carroll in 10 Oklahoma State." D'Angelo says: "Yep." 11 12 Dawkins says: "One hundred percent." D'Angelo says: "You think you should have him." 13 14 Dawkins replies: "Ain't no question." 15 D'Angelo says: "Yeah." 16 And then Dawkins responds: "If you're going to give 17 him the money every month, like what are we talking? What else 18 are we doing it for?" 19 In those portions that we attribute to you, did you 20 make those statements? 21 A. Yes. 22 Q. Okay. THE WITNESS: Judge, may I respond? 23 24 THE COURT: No. 25 BY MR. BOONE:

- 1 | Q. Now, you testified earlier just moments ago about sort of
- 2 restricted contact rules that are in place by the NCAA
- 3 regarding when a college coach can do recruiting.
- 4 Do you recall that?
- 5 | A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And you had testified earlier in your testimony about the
- 7 | fact that there are people whose job it is to deal with
- 8 compliance and to make sure people are following the rules,
- 9 particularly the monitoring rules; do you remember that?
- 10 MR. HANEY: Objection.
- 11 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 12 | Q. You testified earlier that there are people whose job it is
- 13 | to monitor who's calling who in regards to appropriate contact,
- 14 | correct?
- 15 A. Yesterday, you're saying?
- 16 | Q. Yes. It wasn't today. It was yesterday.
- 17 | A. Yes.
- 18 | Q. And yesterday you were talking about how your phone number
- 19 | is known to those individuals; is that fair to say?
- 20 MR. HANEY: Objection, your Honor. This was
- 21 | yesterday.
- 22 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 23 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 24 | Q. And you were talking about particularly the phone that you
- 25 | used that you later learned was tapped by the FBI. That was

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- 19 20 phone number was known; do you recall saying that?
- 21 A. I recall saying that in some instances I did not call them 22 on that 99 number, on the other numbers or met with him in 23 person at the tournament.
- 24 Would it help if I showed you a transcript?
- 25 I'm telling you what I remember saying.

THE WITNESS: Can you ask the question again, please?

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That is.

- 1 | Q. And the 401 number, is that Corey Barker's number?
- 2 A. I assume, yes.
- MR. BOONE: And if we could take a look at page five.
- 4 And I'm looking -- this is basically the fifth line from the
- 5 | bottom. If we could highlight from there.
- 6 | Q. Specifically I'm looking at the text message from Corey
- 7 | Barker on July 21st, 2017 at 9:08 p.m. It says: "RJ Hampton
- 8 | is a layup."
- 9 Do you see that?
- 10 | A. I do.
- 11 | Q. Do you know who RJ Hampton is?
- 12 | A. I do.
- 13 \mathbb{Q} . Who is he?
- 14 A. A good basketball player.
- 15 | Q. And then the next message, July 21st, 2017, 9:18. It says:
- "I haven't heard back from Stacey and those guys."
- 17 | A. Uh-huh.
- 18 MR. BOONE: And if we could now take a look at page
- 19 seven, same exhibit, and highlight the top half of the page,
- 20 please.
- 21 | Q. And so specifically I'm looking at the 7/29/2017 messages
- 22 | from Barker at 2:19 p.m. where he says: "Send me names of guys
- 23 you had the last four years."
- Do you see that?
- 25 | A. Yes.

- 1 || Q. And then there's a response from you on 7/29/2017 at
- 2 | 3:00 o'clock. This year, Justin Patton, No. 16.
- 3 Do you see that?
- 4 | A. Yes.
- 5 Q. There's also mention of Christian, KJ McDaniels?
- Do you see that?
- 7 | A. Yes.
- 8 | Q. Now, I believe you testified earlier that -- so just to
- 9 | reorient you, I want to talk about the \$25,000 deposit into
- 10 | Loyd bank account on August 1st, 2017?
- 11 | A. Uh-huh.
- 12 | Q. I believe you testified earlier that you didn't know if
- 13 Merl Code was involved in depositing that check; is that right?
- 14 | A. Yes.
- 15 | Q. Okay. And that check we just said was dated August 1st,
- 16 | 2017; is that right?
- 17 | A. Uh-huh.
- 18 | Q. And did you text with Merl Code on August 1st, 2017?
- 19 | A. I'm sure.
- 20 | Q. Are you also sure that he sent you a text message on that
- 21 | date?
- 22 A. If I texted him, I'm sure he texted me back.
- 23 MR. BOONE: Your Honor, the government wants to offer
- 24 | the text message exchange from that day between Merl Code and
- 25 | Christian Dawkins. Exhibit No. 102T-2, not for the jury.

JGaseAM57-cr-00684-ER Document 268 s File & 66/05/159 Page 181 of 191 1585 1 THE COURT: Any objection? 2 MR. MOORE: No. No, your Honor. 3 THE COURT: That exhibit will be received. 4 (Government's Exhibit 102T-2 received in evidence) 5 MR. BOONE: If it's possible, blow it up to make it 6 easier to see. 7 BY MR. BOONE: 8 Q. This is the text message exchange between you and Merl 9 Code. Do you see that? 10 A. Yes. 11 Q. It's a little bit hard to see. But if you look at sort of the second set of boxes where it says: "Subject, no subject, 12 13 body forward." Do you see that box? And where it says: "When 14 the money is available?" 15 A. Yes, I do. 16 Okay. And it looks like there are some pictures 17 attachments below that. 18 Do you see that? 19 A. Yes. This is a text from Merl Code on August 1st. If we could 20 21 go to the next page. And so this is for the Loyd bank account 22 ending in number 1919. 23 Do you see that? 24 A. Yes.

And this is a deposit slip of \$25,000. Do you see that?

- Q. Mr. Dawkins, you testified that you would avoid having conversation with Corey Barker on a particular cell phone,
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- A. Correct. 12
- 13 Q. Isn't it true you may have had conversations with him on 14 multiple cell phones?
- 15 MR. BOONE: Objection.
- 16 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 17 BY MR. HANEY:
- 18 Q. What would be the reason for that?
- 19 MR. BOONE: Objection.
- 20 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 21 BY MR. HANEY:
- 22 Do you remember every phone call you would have made in
- 23 2017?
- 24 A. I don't remember, no.
- 25 Do you remember every single text message you would have

MR. MOORE: And I take it -- I guess we'll see where

not read anything about the case in the media. Please try to be prompt tomorrow morning, and we'll get started bright and early at 9:30. And we'll go as far as we can.

Have a wonderful evening.

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1	(Jury not present)
2	THE COURT: So unless there's anything else, I guess
3	we can begin with Mr
4	MR. HANEY: I want to make some clarity.
5	Doing my math, if they're going to take two hours, and
6	the charge will perhaps take two hours, I would believe it
7	would be unlikely that I'm going to close tomorrow. I would
8	seek the Court's direction on that. I would prefer if possible
9	to go on Monday to have the closings of the defense on Monday.
10	THE COURT: As a practical matter, I'm sure that's the
11	way it's going to work out, that you won't be closing tomorrow.
12	MR. HANEY: Thank you, your Honor.
13	MR. MOORE: I mean, what we don't want is not to be
14	completely prepared, and then your Honor stands up and says, we
15	got another hour or another 45 minutes.
16	THE COURT: Oh, no, no. Right.
17	MR. MOORE: So, your Honor's not going to do that to
18	us?
19	THE COURT: I'm not going to do that to you.
20	MR. MOORE: Thank you. We'll do the summation and the
21	government opening, and then when we're done, we're done.
22	THE COURT: Right.
23	MR. MOORE: Thank you, Judge.
24	MR. HANEY: Thank you, your Honor.
25	THE COURT: Okay. We'll see you tomorrow.
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Before you leave, we'll get you a hard copy of the instructions.

MR. MOORE: Your Honor, do you want to deal with this issue? When do you want to deal with it? I don't care.

THE COURT: We can do it now if you guys want to do it now.

Okay. So does the government have a view?

MR. MARK: I know this was defense's motion. I'm not sure how this meets the requirements to seal and overcome presumption of public access, but obviously the defense, it's their motion.

THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Moore.

MR. MOORE: Yes, sir, your Honor.

There are a number of things that have been sealed in this case, that have been subject to protective orders and the like, including transcripts, some partial and some not. There is other information that the government has sought to seal that dealt with the undercover, Mr. Carpenter, and some information that they did not believe was appropriately out in the public domain. And we obviously have not taken a contraposition or asked the Court to unseal that information. The information here — well, I think it is very innocuous. It deals with discussions and deliberations amongst our defense team. And we were simply advising your Honor of that to deal with this 3500 issue.

And so, therefore, I don't see how that is a matter of public record. Not public record, of public interest. And to the extent that those discussions could arguably be privileged, I think that it's just like presenting information that's arguably privileged to your Honor in chambers. I have no problem with the government being present, but I don't think that's appropriate for public disclosure.

I don't think it's a big deal quite frankly, given what I recall of it.

THE COURT: Right.

MR. MOORE: But I do believe it's appropriately sealed, given the nature of it and given the fact that perhaps what I could have done was simply ask your Honor to take that information in chambers without the government involved. I just didn't think that was the appropriate way to treat the other party, because I'm a big believer that you don't exclude the other party from discussions.

THE COURT: Mr. Mark, anything you want to add?

MR. MARK: No, your Honor.

THE COURT: I'm going to unseal it. I think that the information, while we may argue about whether or not it's in the public interest, the actual presumption is that court documents should be made available to the public, absent some important reason.

And, you know, the substance of what was discussed at

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